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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The prayer will be offered by Rabbi Isaacson, the Congregation Beth Solomon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is a guest of Representative Murt.

RABBI SOLOMON ISAACSON, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning, gentlemen and ladies – or ladies and gentlemen.

Tonight, tomorrow, we are celebrating, on the Jewish calendar, a holiday called Purim. The reason I am speaking to you about it, not from a religious point of view, but to tell you the symbol of what the holiday of Purim is about. It is about why, why did God do this? It talks about a young Jewish girl that did everything she could not to become queen, but she did. And afterwards she questioned the Almighty and said, "Why do this? There were so many other girls. I was the only Jewish one. Why did God make that the king should choose me to be the queen?"

Well, later on the story tells us that because she was the queen, she was able to intercede on behalf of the Jewish people because Haman, who was the evil individual who wanted to kill all the Jews, was the prime minister and she prevented it.

But when this occurred, she asked her uncle who was the Chief Rabbi, "Why did God do this?" And now the Chief Rabbi answered her, "It is because of a time like this that the Almighty put you into this position." Meaning had she remained a little village girl and this would have happened with the Jewish people and Haman, she could not have interceded because she was nothing but a little village girl. But now that she was queen, she had the power to get to the king and therefore speak up and save the Jewish people.

The same thing I say to all of you, and especially to the young people sitting in the back, I believe from Upper Dublin – is that correct? Yes, see I remembered – that you never know why God puts you in this position. And the same thing I say to all of you Representatives that are representing people in your district. To my Representative, Representative Murt, who represents me very nicely, and I am proud of him, that is why all of you are put in this same position, that when a time comes to help the people in your district, that is why you are there.

And that is why the Almighty realized and put you there because He realized that you were best capable better than any other person to do that for your people. And I say that to the young people also. When you are in a position to help, God puts you there because you are capable of doing that. I hope and pray that the Almighty will give you the proper guidance and leadership and know-how to do the right things for your people.

This was a little extra. Normally I do not add all this, but it is a Jewish holiday and I felt it was appropriate for all of you.

No clapping. My people in synagogue clap when I am finished. So I do not know whether they are clapping because I am done or they are clapping because they liked what I said.

First, we will do a prayer for the soldiers, the American soldiers, that are overseas or everywhere protecting those places and us.

May He who blessed our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, may He bless the fighters of the United States of America of the Armed Forces. May Hashem, the Almighty, cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighting men and women from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness. May He send the blessing and success in their every endeavor. May He lead our enemies under their sway, and may He adorn them with the crown of salvation and with the diadem of triumph, and may there be fulfilled for them the verse, for it is the Almighty, your God, who goes with you to battle for you against your enemies and to save you, and let us say amen.

And now for everyone else.

May He who grants salvation to kings and dominion to rulers, whose kingdom is a kingdom spanning all eternities; who releases David, His servant, from the evil sword; who places a road in the sea and the path in the mighty waters, may He bless, safeguard, preserve, help, exalt, make great, extol, and raise high our beloved President and Vice President, our beloved Governor, our beloved Lieutenant Governor, and all those of the House of Representatives, and all the other officials of this land.

The King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He sustain them and protect them from every trouble, woe, and injury; may He rescue them; may He gather peoples under their sway and cause their enemies to fall before them. Wherever they turn, may they succeed.

The King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He put into their heart and into the heart of all their counselors and officials compassion to do good with us and with everyone in our country.

In their days and in ours, may the Almighty bless us, and let us say amen.

Thank you very much.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 3, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 143 By Representatives VEREB, STEPHENS, MARSICO, CUTLER, BAKER, BARRAR, DELOZIER, DUSH, FEE, GINGRICH, GREINER, GROVE, HARHART, HARPER, A. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, JAMES, JOZWIAK, M. K. KELLER, KNOWLES, KRIEGER, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MCGINNIS, MENTZER, METCALFE, MILLARD, B. MILLER, OBERLANDER, PYLE, QUIGLEY, SACCONI, SANKEY, SAYLOR, SONNEY, STAATS, TALLMAN, TAYLOR, TOEPEL, WATSON, MILNE and HACKETT

A Resolution condemning Governor Tom Wolf's unconstitutional action to usurp the authority of the General Assembly to make the laws and of the judiciary to administer justice by declaring a moratorium on capital punishment in Pennsylvania and calling upon Governor Wolf to reverse this action and to carry out his constitutional duty.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 500 By Representatives DEAN, COHEN, V. BROWN, DAVIDSON, CARROLL, SANTARSIERO, HANNA, STURLA, THOMAS, M. DALEY, BROWNLEE, FRANKEL, ROZZI, HARPER, MOUL and DAVIS

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, repealing expiration; providing for imposition of tax, for registration, for meters, for assessments, for time for assessment, for extension of assessment period, for reassessments, for interest, for penalties, for criminal acts, for abatement of additions or penalties, for bulk and auction sales, for collection upon failure to request reassessment, review or appeal, for tax liens, for tax suit reciprocity, for service, for refunds, for refund petition, for rules and regulations, for recordkeeping, for examinations, for unauthorized disclosure, for cooperation with other governments, for bonds and for deposit of proceeds; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 4, 2015.

No. 682 By Representatives MURT, ACOSTA, BRIGGS, V. BROWN, COHEN, D. COSTA, FRANKEL, MAHER, McCARTER and KIM

An Act amending the act of June 13, 2008 (P.L.182, No.27), known as the Clean Indoor Air Act, further providing for definitions; further prohibiting smoking in public places, for signage, for enforcement, for penalties and for administration; repealing provisions

relating to preemption; providing for local ordinances; and making a related repeal of the Fire and Panic Act.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, March 4, 2015.

No. 688 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, V. BROWN, DIAMOND, McNEILL, MALONEY, COX, ROZZI, COHEN, MAHONEY and SIMMONS

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in declaration of rights, providing for prohibition against taking homes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2015.

No. 699 By Representatives COHEN and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for limitations on damages.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

No. 701 By Representatives GROVE, BLOOM, DUNBAR, MACKENZIE, BAKER, DIAMOND, PICKETT, COX, SCHEMEL, TALLMAN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, MILLARD, MENTZER, GABLER, MCGINNIS, STAATS, IRVIN, CUTLER, PEIFER, M. K. KELLER, LAWRENCE, SIMMONS, MURT, SAYLOR, FEE, ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN, GINGRICH, MALONEY, REGAN, EVERETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, HARHART, KLUNK and TOOHL

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2015.

No. 702 By Representatives DUNBAR, BLOOM, GROVE, MACKENZIE, BAKER, DIAMOND, PICKETT, COX, SCHEMEL, TALLMAN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, MILLARD, MENTZER, GABLER, MCGINNIS, STAATS, IRVIN, CUTLER, PEIFER, M. K. KELLER, SIMMONS, MURT, SAYLOR, FEE, ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN, GINGRICH, MALONEY, REGAN, EVERETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, HARHART, KLUNK and TOOHL

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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2015.

No. 703 By Representatives COHEN, THOMAS and MAHONEY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing a provision relating to Bible reading in public schools.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 4, 2015.

No. 704 By Representatives COHEN, V. BROWN, FRANKEL, BISHOP, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, M. DALEY, DAVIS, DEASY, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN,

GAINEY, KINSEY, MACKENZIE, McNEILL, D. MILLER, O'BRIEN, C. PARKER, PASHINSKI, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROZZI, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, STURLA, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act requiring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition; and providing for duties of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 4, 2015.

No. 705 By Representatives COHEN, FRANKEL, STURLA, BROWNLEE, M. DALEY, DeLUCA, FREEMAN, KINSEY, McCARTER, O'BRIEN, RAVENSTAHL, ROEBUCK, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG, SIMS, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act relating to corporate political accountability; and providing for shareholder vote on corporate political activities, for notification to shareholders of corporate political activities, for public disclosure of corporate political duties, for board approval for corporate political expenditures and for applicability to foreign corporations.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 2015.

No. 706 By Representatives COHEN, V. BROWN, KIRKLAND, READSHAW, THOMAS and TRUITT

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for telehealth.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 4, 2015.

No. 707 By Representatives TOPPER, BLOOM, COX, CUTLER, DELOZIER, DIAMOND, DUNBAR, EMRICK, FEE, GILLEN, HICKERNELL, PHILLIPS-HILL, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, MACKENZIE, MARSICO, McGINNIS, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MOUL, RAPP, ROSS, SACCONI, SAYLOR, TALLMAN, ZIMMERMAN, F. KELLER, ROAE, GROVE and KLUNK

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, in definitions, further providing for the definition of "public body."

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 4, 2015.

No. 709 By Representatives STURLA, FLYNN, PASHINSKI, THOMAS, GODSHALL, SCHLOSSBERG, TRUITT, D. COSTA, GERGELY, KINSEY, McNEILL, BROWNLEE, GROVE, COHEN and KORTZ

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a fee for service on municipalities for patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police; providing for allocation of funds, for fees for intermunicipal police response, for patrol responsibility and for penalties; establishing the Regional Police Assistance Fund and the Cadet Training Fund; providing for powers and duties of the Center for Local Government Services in the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Pennsylvania State Police; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

No. 710 By Representatives HARHAI, KOTIK, MILLARD, COHEN, THOMAS, SCHLOSSBERG, READSHAW, BROWNLEE, KORTZ and MURT

An Act providing for notice of motor vehicle event data recorders and for information retrieval; imposing penalties; and providing for evidentiary rules.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 4, 2015.

No. 712 By Representatives DAVIDSON, COHEN, THOMAS and McNEILL

An Act establishing the Commission on Realignment and Restructuring of State Government within the Office of the Governor; and providing for the composition, powers and duties and expiration of the commission.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 2015.

No. 713 By Representatives DAVIDSON, COHEN, THOMAS, DAVIS and V. BROWN

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for application of part and for definitions; providing for public access to procurement information; in procurement organization, further providing for procurement responsibility, for powers and duties and for Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings; in source selection and contract formation, further providing for methods of source selection, for competitive sealed bidding, for competitive electronic auction bidding, for competitive sealed proposals, for small procurements, for sole source procurement, for emergency procurement, for multiple awards, for competitive selection procedures for certain services, for selection procedure for insurance and notary bonds, for cost or pricing data and for record of certain actions; in procurement of construction and design professional services, further providing for procurement of design professional services; in intergovernmental relations, further providing for cooperative purchasing authorized; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 2015.

No. 714 By Representatives ROSS, McNEILL, WATSON, STEPHENS, O'BRIEN, HARPER, READSHAW, HICKERNELL, HARHART, SCHLOSSBERG, KAUFFMAN, D. COSTA, FARINA, CUTLER, DeLUCA, MENTZER, MURT and GIBBONS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous offenses relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for the offense of careless driving; establishing the Driver Distraction Awareness Fund; and providing for additional duties of the Department of Transportation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 4, 2015.

No. 715 By Representatives DIAMOND, KORTZ, CUTLER, BLOOM, DeLUCA, EVANKOVICH, EVERETT, FARRY, GABLER, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, A. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, KAUFFMAN, MAJOR, METCALFE, METZGAR, MOUL, MULLERY, PICKETT, REGAN, SACCONI, SANKEY, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, WHEELAND and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

No. 716 By Representatives CARROLL, BARBIN, BARRAR, COHEN, D. COSTA, FLYNN, KAVULICH, W. KELLER, McNEILL, MULLERY and READSHAW

An Act prohibiting imposition of a tax on natural gas extracted in this Commonwealth under certain circumstances.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 4, 2015.

No. 717 By Representatives PICKETT, BAKER, TRUITT, MILLARD, RAPP, PASHINSKI, JAMES, DeLUCA, D. COSTA and MAJOR

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1996 (2nd Sp.Sess., P.L.1879, No.10), known as the Flood Insurance Education and Information Act, further providing for flood insurance education and information.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 4, 2015.

No. 718 By Representatives KRIEGER, MILLARD, TALLMAN, DUSH, McGINNIS, MARSHALL, TOPPER, BARRAR, SACCONI, CAUSER, DUNBAR, DIAMOND, SAYLOR, REESE, GREINER, METCALFE, SCHEMEL, GABLER, KORTZ, KAUFFMAN, A. HARRIS, BLOOM, CUTLER, MULLERY, LAWRENCE, M. K. KELLER, PICKETT, SANKEY, MALONEY, MAHONEY, GIBBONS, GRELL, PEIFER, MOUL, RAPP, ROAE, JOZWIAK and HARHAI

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for firearms not to be carried without a license.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

No. 719 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BAKER, COHEN, GILLEN, MENTZER, MURT, WATSON and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for responsible alcohol management.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, March 4, 2015.

No. 725 By Representatives MACKENZIE, SIMMONS, EVANKOVICH, BISHOP, BOBACK, COHEN, CUTLER, DAVIS, EVERETT, GOODMAN, GROVE, HAHN, HARHART, A. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, McNEILL, MILLARD, D. MILLER, NEUMAN, O'NEILL, OBERLANDER, QUINN, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, STAATS, THOMAS, TOOHL, WATSON, GINGRICH, KAUFFMAN, DUNBAR, B. MILLER and ROZZI

An Act providing for school-to-work pilot programs; establishing the CareerBound Program; providing for a tax credit; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 4, 2015.

No. 746 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, ROZZI, DRISCOLL, BISHOP, KOTIK, BAKER, THOMAS, CAUSER, BROWNLEE, O'BRIEN, D. COSTA, FARINA, MARSICO, V. BROWN, BOBACK, READSHAW, KILLION, COHEN, YOUNGBLOOD, McNEILL, CONKLIN, DeLUCA, P. DALEY, MUSTIO, DEAN, NEUMAN, KINSEY, ACOSTA, WATSON, HARHAI, LONGIETTI, GIBBONS, REESE, KNOWLES, GILLEN, SCHLOSSBERG, GOODMAN, SAYLOR, GODSHALL, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, SABATINA, HARKINS, VEREB and MAHONEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special pediatric cancer research registration plate, and establishing The Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 4, 2015.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bills for concurrence:

SB 130, PN 77

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2015.

SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following resolution for concurrence:

SR 28, PN 498

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 4, 2015

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 57, PN 49

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates, further providing for sliding scale of rates and adjustments; and, in natural gas competition, further providing for duties of natural gas distribution companies.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 140, PN 124

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1982 (P.L.1211, No.279), entitled "An act providing for ridesharing arrangements and providing that certain laws shall be inapplicable to ridesharing arrangements," providing for a short title; further providing for definitions and for motor carrier laws not applicable to ridesharing; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 164, PN 787 By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 188, PN 180 By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 315, PN 322 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for definitions and for occupations and establishments.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 319, PN 324 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for decision of referee, further appeals and reviews and for powers of board over claims.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 530, PN 569 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agreements with institutions of higher education; in opportunities for educational excellence, further providing for definitions and for concurrent enrollment agreements; and extensively revising and adding charter school provisions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 568, PN 638 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

APPROPRIATIONS.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The majority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentledady, Mrs. GINGRICH, from Lebanon County for the day. Without objection, the leave of absence will be so granted.

The Democrat minority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. CRUZ, from Philadelphia for the day; the gentleman, Mr. KELLER, from Philadelphia for the day; the gentleman, Mr. KOTIK, from Allegheny County for the day;

and the gentleman, Mr. O'BRIEN, from Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, the leaves of absence will be so granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—197

Acosta	Evankovich	Knowles	Readshaw
Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Reed
Baker	Everett	Krieger	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Regan
Barrar	Farina	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Ross
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Rozzi
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Boback	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Samuelson
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Sankey
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Santarsiero
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Santora
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Saylor
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schreiber
Causer	Greiner	Mentzer	Schweyer
Christiana	Grell	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cohen	Grove	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Hackett	Miccarelli	Snyder
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Sonney
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Sturla
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Tallman
Cutler	Harper	Mullery	Taylor
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Murt	Thomas
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mustio	Tobash
Davidson	Heffley	Nesbit	Toepel
Davis	Helm	Neuman	Toohil
Dawkins	Hennessey	O'Neill	Topper
Day	Hickernell	Oberlander	Truitt
Dean	Hill	Ortitay	Vereb
Deasy	Irvin	Parker, C.	Vitali
DeLissio	James	Parker, D.	Ward
Delozier	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Warner
DeLuca	Kampf	Payne	Waters
Dermody	Kaufner	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petri	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Youngblood
Dunbar	Killion	Quigley	Zimmerman
Dush	Kim	Quinn	
Ellis	Kinsey	Rader	Turzai,
Emrick	Kirkland	Rapp	Speaker
English	Klunk	Ravenstahl	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Cruz	Keller, W.	Kotik	O'Brien
Gingrich			

LEAVES ADDED—2

Bishop

Davis

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We have some visitors with us this morning.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes a group of students from the University of Pittsburgh who are shadowing various legislators for the day. I will read them all, and then we can recognize them at the conclusion. Please rise when recognized. Emily Greene, who is shadowing Representative Saccone; Chelcie Alcorn, who is shadowing Representative Frankel; Arlind Karpuzi, who is Speaker Turzai's guest for the day; Jenna Parks, who is with Representative English for the day – please remain standing – Kara Kloss, who is shadowing Representative Snyder; Nicole Koster, who is shadowing Representative Ellis; Shruti Revankar, who is working with Representative Neuman; and Reena Naik, who is shadowing Representative and Leader Dermody. Please give these students a warm welcome.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Lindsey Miller of the Carbon County SHINE (Schools and Homes in Education) After School Center. She is a guest of Representative Heffley. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Berks County District Attorney John Adams and his daughter, Julia Adams. They are guests of Representative Jozwiak. Please rise and be recognized.

UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL BAND PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time we will have a citation presentation. Representatives Stephens, Dean, and Murt are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Upper Dublin High School Band.

Mr. Stephens, you may proceed when you are ready.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to welcome the Upper Dublin High School Marching Cardinals from Upper Dublin, Montgomery County. Under the direction of Chris Horn, the band has grown considerably in size over the last 5 years, from 34 to 82 members, making it one of the most popular activities in the high school.

The band supports the Upper Dublin High School Flying Cardinals Varsity Football Team at all games and competes locally in the Cavalcade of Bands circuit. The Marching Cardinals recently performed for First Lady Michelle Obama and with Grammy-nominated pop rock group Foster the People.

The Marching Cardinals performed their show, "Insomnia," all the way to the Cavalcade of Bands Yankee Division A-Class Championships at Millersville University, where they beat out four other Pennsylvania marching bands to finish in first place.

The group also received the High Visual and High Overall Effect Awards in their division.

It is the first championship for the Marching Cardinals in 15 years and was made possible by the hard work and dedication of all band and staff members, in addition to the Upper Dublin Marching Band Parents Association and the Upper Dublin High School administration.

Mr. Speaker, we have about 95 guests with us today from the Upper Dublin Marching Cardinals, and if I could ask all of them to rise. We have some up in the gallery, we have some in the back, and then we have some right behind us here, and I would ask respectfully for the members to give them a warm welcome to the House of Representatives.

I do also want to make special note, superintendent of Upper Dublin School District, Dr. Deb Wheeler, is with us today. It is her first time to the Pennsylvania Capitol, so thank you, Dr. Wheeler, for joining us. We think you will have a splendid time today and certainly look forward to hosting you many more times in the future.

I congratulate the Upper Dublin Marching Cardinals on their championship victory and, on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wish you greetings for the upcoming year, next year, as you embark to repeat your championship.

And I know my colleagues have a few words to offer as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlelady, Mrs. Dean.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my pleasure to join Representatives Stephens and Murt in recognizing Upper Dublin Marching Cardinals and congratulate you all on your championship.

The Marching Cardinals victory is a testament to your talent, of course, but also your dedication and your continuing teamwork. A team of this caliber is not created overnight, and the Marching Cardinals have spent years building on each other's strengths, pushing themselves to be the best.

In addition to the Marching Cardinals' talented performers who are here with us, I congratulate the very aptly named director of the band, Christopher Horn; his dedicated teachers, staff, and parents – some of whom are here today – who supported, encouraged, and led the team. Thank you for mentoring, coaching, and offering students the opportunity to play music and excel.

Congratulations, Upper Dublin Marching Cardinals Team. I am honored to be one of your Representatives and proud to share in your success today. Here is to many more spectacular performances.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Murt.

Mr. MURT. I also want to add my congratulations to the Upper Dublin School District Marching Band.

Around Christmas we had the show choir from the Jarrettown Elementary School come and entertain the Capitol community as well. So certainly the fine arts, as an academic discipline, are alive and strong in the Upper Dublin School District, and we commend Dr. Wheeler and all the teachers and participants in that.

One aspect of the marching band that I want to mention that I think deserves our attention is the fact that these young men and women who participate in marching band start back in the

summer in the very, very hot weather out on the field learning their movements, working on their musical skills, and so forth, and they put as much time into the marching band program as some of the other youngsters do into football and some of the varsity sports, and I think it is really important that we recognize the great effort and the great skill that they manifest in this effort.

So again, I want to congratulate the Upper Dublin High School Marching Cardinals on this award. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and congratulates all the students, faculty, and staff upon their outstanding championship.

How about one more last round of applause.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Also visiting with us this morning, located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Samuel Shaffer who is shadowing Representative DeLissio for the day. Please rise and be recognized. Welcome.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MURT called up **HR 43, PN 159**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. DAVIS called up **HR 74, PN 376**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 8, 2015, as "International Women's Day" and the month of March 2015 as "National Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CAUSER called up **HR 76, PN 378**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 15 through 22, 2015, as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 89, PN 523**, entitled:

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

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Mr. CRUZ called up **HR 94, PN 528**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing 2015 as the "Year of the Borinqueneers" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. BROWNLEE called up **HR 101, PN 576**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2015 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 108, PN 666**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2015 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 111, PN 669**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Medical Physicist Awareness and Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 120, PN 700**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 123, PN 702**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 11, 2015, as "Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 124, PN 703**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 13, 2015, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 125, PN 704**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2015 as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MULLERY called up **HR 144, PN 793**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 19, 2015, as "St. Joseph's Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Acosta	Evankovich	Knowles	Readshaw
Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Reed
Baker	Everett	Krieger	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Regan
Barrar	Farina	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Ross
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Rozzi
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Boback	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Samuelson

Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Sankey
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Santarsiero
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Santora
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Saylor
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schreiber
Causer	Greiner	Mentzer	Schweyer
Christiana	Grell	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cohen	Grove	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Hackett	Miccarelli	Snyder
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Sonney
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Sturla
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Tallman
Cutler	Harper	Mullery	Taylor
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Murt	Thomas
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mustio	Tobash
Davidson	Heffley	Nesbit	Toepel
Davis	Helm	Neuman	Toohil
Dawkins	Hennessey	O'Neill	Topper
Day	Hickernell	Oberlander	Truitt
Dean	Hill	Ortitay	Vereb
Deasy	Irvin	Parker, C.	Vitali
DeLissio	James	Parker, D.	Ward
Delozier	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Warner
DeLuca	Kampf	Payne	Waters
Dermody	Kaufert	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petri	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Youngblood
Dunbar	Killion	Quigley	Zimmerman
Dush	Kim	Quinn	
Ellis	Kinsey	Rader	Turzai,
Emrick	Kirkland	Rapp	Speaker
English	Klunk	Ravenstahl	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Cruz	Keller, W.	Kotik	O'Brien
Gingrich			

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

STATEMENT BY MR. CAUSER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time the gentleman, Representative Causer, is recognized to speak on HR 76. You may proceed when you are ready.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members for their support of HR 76, designating the week of March 15 through 22 as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania.

Many people do not realize that Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation in maple syrup production, so it is an important agricultural commodity in Pennsylvania. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, maple syrup production actually declined in 2014 in every State except Pennsylvania. Last year the State produced over 146,000 gallons of syrup with a production value of more than \$4.7 million, so obviously, it is an important economic generator in Pennsylvania. It is

important for many parts of the State, including the northern tier where I am from.

And you will see on your desks the maple candy which was made by Hamilton's Maple Products in Ulysses in Potter County. I also want to invite you to an event, the Potter-Tioga Maple Syrup Producers Association is holding their 11th annual Maple Weekend on March 21 and 22, so I would certainly like to invite all of you to join us for this very sweet event.

And thank you again, Mr. Speaker, for everyone's support of HR 76. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Murt, who is recognized to speak on HR 120, the Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as legislators, we must raise awareness for issues that would slip from public awareness if we did not bring attention to them. That is why I am pleased the House has passed HR 120 to recognize March as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

An acquired brain injury is any brain injury that occurs after birth. It can be caused by trauma, as through a fall, or by nontraumatic means, as from a brain tumor or ingesting a toxic substance. Many of our veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered serious traumatic brain injuries during their deployments. These injuries are not uncommon.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, at least 1.4 million brain injuries occur in the United States each year. Of these, 50,000 result in death, 235,000 require hospitalization, and 1.1 million end with emergency room visits. Unfortunately, there are countless more who receive lesser medical care or none at all.

I remind everyone that individuals who sustain brain injuries must have timely access to expert trauma care, specialized rehabilitation, lifelong disease management, and individualized services and supports in order to live healthy, independent, and satisfying lives. Many people who have a traumatic brain injury recover quickly, but for some, the symptoms can last days, weeks, months, or longer.

I would hope that by taking this stand today we will encourage people to change the way they think about victims of such brain trauma. It is my hope that this resolution will call attention to these injuries and that it assists in advancing brain injury prevention, research, and treatment and improves the quality of life for all people affected by brain injuries.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much, Representative Murt.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. And it is my understanding that you would like to submit remarks on HR 43 regarding Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month. Is that correct?

Mr. MURT. That is affirmative, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much, sir. You may submit those to the clerk for the record.

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

It has been called the silent killer. It can form anywhere in the body, and it can kill with virtually no symptoms. When a blood clot forms in the deep veins of the body, it is called deep vein thrombosis. While it occurs most commonly in the leg, it can happen anywhere in the body, such as the veins in the arm, abdomen, or around the brain.

Between 300,000 and 600,000 Americans are affected by these clots annually, which can quickly turn deadly when they detach and travel to the lungs, blocking blood flow in what is called a pulmonary embolism. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pulmonary embolisms and other deep vein thrombosis complications kill 60,000 to 100,000 Americans each year, while as many as 10 percent of the U.S. population has one of several genetic risk factors for developing these inappropriate blood clots.

That is why education is so important. By designating March "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month," we are using the megaphone of the House to urge that people be aware of this disease and that they take it seriously.

I thank you for passing HR 43 and making your voices heard.

STATEMENT BY MS. BROWNLEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Brownlee is recognized to speak on HR 101 regarding Professional Social Work Month.

Representative Brownlee.

Ms. BROWNLEE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Each year the National Association of Social Workers brings attention to the contributions that social workers make in our communities. We are also honoring social workers today by passing the resolution declaring March to be "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

This year's theme is, "Social Work Paves the Way for Change." These dedicated professionals work extensively in our local hospitals, police departments, prisons, mental health-care clinics, child welfare agencies, military facilities, adoption centers, drug and alcohol treatment facilities, and schools.

Social workers in Pennsylvania and across the country are instrumental in assisting people who experience a wide variety of difficulties in their lives. Social workers connect individuals to a lifeline of resources and make real differences in their lives on a daily basis. Without them, many of our most vulnerable citizens would be left alone to navigate a road that does not always rise to meet them. The services they offer are instrumental to strengthening those that they help directly as well as their families. Their dedication to this tough profession is humbling, and it is for these reasons, and many more, that I am proud of this resolution.

Please be on the lookout in the coming months to help spread the message that social workers change lives and their work offers an immeasurable value to our State.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much, Representative Brownlee.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair turns to a leave of absence, to the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentlelady, Ms. BISHOP, from Philadelphia for the day. Without objection, the leave of absence will be so granted.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 148, PN 814**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 13, 2015, as "Digital Learning Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 152, PN 815**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 4, 2015, as "Pitt Day in Harrisburg."

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
Adolph	Everett	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Reese
Barbin	Farina	Lewis	Regan
Barrar	Farry	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Fee	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Freeman	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Santarsiero
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causer	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Christiana	Grell	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cohen	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hackett	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mustio	Thomas
Davidson	Heffley	Nesbit	Tobash
Davis	Helm	Neuman	Toepel
Dawkins	Hennessey	O'Neill	Toohil
Day	Hickernell	Oberlander	Topper
Dean	Hill	Ortitay	Truitt
Deasy	Irvin	Parker, C.	Vereb
DeLissio	James	Parker, D.	Vitali
Delozier	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Ward
DeLuca	Kampf	Payne	Warner
Dermody	Kaufner	Peifer	Waters
Diamond	Kauffman	Petrarca	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petri	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Quigley	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quinn	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Rader	
Emrick	Kirkland	Rapp	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. FRANKEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Frankel is recognized to speak on HR 152, recognizing "Pitt Day."

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank all of my colleagues for their unanimous support of the resolution commemorating this as "Pitt Day" here in the State Capitol. As the Speaker mentioned earlier, we have a number of students from the University of Pittsburgh who are shadowing members around today, and it is, I know, an exciting experience for them. Later today there is going to be a reception, and the chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, the new chancellor who was just installed this past weekend to succeed Mark Nordenberg, Patrick Gallagher is our new chancellor and has provided a great vision for the university. You will hear more about it today at the reception.

The university is really a proud part of the fabric of higher education in this Commonwealth that this General Assembly has historically supported and will continue to support, and I know they are grateful and will be talking to many of you as we go forward in the budget discussions with respect to support for the University of Pittsburgh and other State-related and State System universities.

So I want to thank again the members and those who are here today to support the University of Pittsburgh. I look forward to seeing you at the reception. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BARBIN called up HR 153, PN 816, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and memory of Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., and extending condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
Adolph	Everett	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Reese

Barbin	Farina	Lewis	Regan
Barrar	Farry	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Fee	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Freeman	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Santarsiero
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causer	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Christiana	Grell	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cohen	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hackett	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mustio	Thomas
Davidson	Heffley	Nesbit	Tobash
Davis	Helm	Neuman	Toepel
Dawkins	Hennessey	O'Neill	Toohil
Day	Hickernell	Oberlander	Topper
Dean	Hill	Ortitay	Truitt
Deasy	Irvin	Parker, C.	Vereb
DeLissio	James	Parker, D.	Vitali
Delozier	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Ward
DeLuca	Kampf	Payne	Warner
Dermody	Kaufert	Peifer	Waters
Diamond	Kauffman	Petrarca	Watson
DiGrolamo	Kavulich	Petri	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Quigley	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quinn	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Rader	
Emrick	Kirkland	Rapp	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. BARBIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized on the adoption of his resolution.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for the unanimous passage of the resolution. Very few times in the last 50 years has a person in the legal profession been as widely acclaimed as this particular man. I had Dean Murray when I was in law

school. At the time in the eighties, he was among the best professors in the school. Chancellor Nordenberg was also one of those professors.

He was not only an exceptional teacher, he was an internationally acclaimed contract scholar. He wrote 20 contract treatises. His book was used in most law schools throughout the country. He was a person that every student tried to have a class with. He was also the dean of three of our State law schools. He was the dean of Duquesne, he was the dean of Villanova Law School, and he was also the dean of Pitt Law School when I was there. That is exceptional for someone to be a professor and then become a dean at three separate law schools. He was also noted as an attorney that was beyond— No one could reach his level as an arbitrator. He represented U.S. Steel, Alcoa, Bayer, all of the big Pittsburgh companies in international contract disputes. He was never known to criticize, to use sarcasm, or to condemn people. He had a quiet poise about him, and that is what made him special.

He also had one other characteristic that no one has today, even other public servants in our branch of government. In the nineties he was appointed to be the chairman of the committee to preserve Allegheny County in the 21st century. It was unheard of, but he was made the chairperson of an entity that suggested the changes that are now in place, that it changed Allegheny County's three county commissioners to a single county executive. At the time he was so well-known and so well-trusted that as chairman he was allowed to appoint every single person on the commission. That does not happen, but he was that special a person.

He also was the first lay president of Duquesne University. Now, Duquesne was a great Catholic institution, but he took it to another level. He raised \$200 million for the school and transformed Duquesne in large part to what it is today.

And lastly, the thing that made him different than any other person in the last 50 years that has come out of the western part of the State is, he truly was a lawyer who believed that God was supposed to be part of your mission of being a lawyer. He believed that if you did not have the spiritual gift when you were providing legal advice, you really were not doing your job. To that extent, he is an example for all those people like myself, like the people that have graduated from Villanova Law School and my colleagues from Duquesne Law School; he believed that you needed the heart to understand the wisdom of law. That is the key to it. He lived that every day, and he said that – and this was his mission at Duquesne – "you can become a successful person, make a lot of money or anything else you desire, but if you're not a better person for having attended Duquesne..., then we have failed" our mission.

And see, that is what a public servant is supposed to be. You are supposed to be doing this with faith. He did it with faith, and that is why I thank you for recognizing him. He was truly an exceptional Pennsylvania lawyer. He gave most to his county, most to Duquesne, and also the very most to Pitt Law School. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. METZGAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Metzgar, on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. METZGAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

John E. Murray, Jr., is not just a professor or a dean or an attorney; John E. Murray changed every one of your lives. He changed every life in Pennsylvania and probably every life in the United States of America because John Murray wrote the book on contracts, literally. He wrote the book on contracts. And why is that important? Because, as Professor Murray pointed out, every single relationship that you have during the course of your life is a contract. It is a contract whenever you decide to go to lunch with someone. It is a contract whenever you make a business transaction. But every one of those is a contract. And he defined what is a contract in Pennsylvania and many of the United States. And that is why he is so important. And he did it in a gentlemanly way with a big tuft of white hair, smoking I believe an unfiltered Winston cigarette as he did it. And it is with great pleasure that I think that the Commonwealth owes him a debt of gratitude today, and I thank you all for helping us honor him.

He will be sorely missed in the legal community, and every day that you make a contract to even go to lunch, think of him. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 264, PN 695**, entitled:

An Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in care facilities; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services; and prescribing penalties.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding that Representative DeLissio would like to comment on an amendment. You are so recognized, Representative DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it was interesting to hear the rabbi's prayer this morning when he started out with "why." Even after 4 years in this body, I am still sometimes trying to figure out why and how things work. But the good news is that I look forward to moving this amendment, which would have added additional group homes to the bill for carbon monoxide detector installation, looking forward to moving this as a separate piece of legislation because that was identified as the more prudent way to proceed. And we will continue to work with, as I have over the past 10 days, with the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the rehabilitation and community provider association groups, all of whom are very supportive of this endeavor.

So looking forward to doing that, and in light of that, I am withdrawing this amendment today and hoping that HB 264 is going to be successfully voted here out of this chamber and very expeditiously picked up in the Senate. We have very vulnerable citizens who are at risk here, and that is our responsibility to look out for them and care for them.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady; she withdraws her amendment.

On the question recurring,
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 33, PN 355**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in planning agencies, further providing for appointment, term and vacancy of planning commission members and for conduct of business of planning commission.

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 66, PN 57**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for transfer of existing facilities to authority.

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

Mrs. **DAVIS** offered the following amendment No. **A00297**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "authority" and providing for sale or transfer of authority water or sewer infrastructure

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

Section 2. Title 53 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5613.1. Sale or transfer of authority water or sewer infrastructure.

(a) Prohibition.—An authority may not sell or transfer title to all or a portion of the water or sewer infrastructure of the authority, unless the authority has discussed the sale or transfer at a public meeting and the written minutes of the meeting contain details relating to the anticipated or projected public benefit that will be realized by the sale or transfer.

(b) Definition.—As used in this section, the term "public benefit" may include a rate reduction, improved service quality, improved service reliability or other clearly defined benefit to a ratepayer of the authority.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by striking out "2" and inserting 3

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting after line 30

Section 4. The addition of 53 Pa.C.S. § 5613.1 shall apply to the sale or transfer of title to all or a portion of the water or sewer infrastructure sold or transferred on or after the effective date of this section.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by striking out "3" and inserting 5

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentelady, Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. DAVIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This requires an authority to hold a public meeting with written minutes detailing the anticipated public benefit before selling or transforming all or a portion of a water or sewer facility of the authority. It is agreed to by both the chairmen and supported by the PA Municipal Authorities Association.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
Adolph	Everett	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Reese
Barbin	Farina	Lewis	Regan
Barrar	Farry	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Fee	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Freeman	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Santarsiero
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causar	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Christiana	Grell	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cohen	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hackett	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mustio	Thomas
Davidson	Heffley	Nesbit	Tobash
Davis	Helm	Neuman	Toepel
Dawkins	Hennessey	O'Neill	Toohil
Day	Hickernell	Oberlander	Topper
Dean	Hill	Ortitay	Truitt
Deasy	Irvin	Parker, C.	Vereb
DeLissio	James	Parker, D.	Vitali
Delozier	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Ward
DeLuca	Kampf	Payne	Warner
Dermodo	Kaufner	Peifer	Waters

Diamond	Kauffman	Petrarca	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petri	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Quigley	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quinn	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Rader	
Emrick	Kirkland	Rapp	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. WATSON called up **HR 75, PN 377**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of workplace pay disparity, to reexamine existing Federal and State laws relating to that issue and to make recommendations to the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Everett	Krieger	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Lewis	Reese
Barrar	Farry	Longietti	Regan
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Diamond	Kaufman	Peifer	Watson
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Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petri	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	
Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles		

NAYS—4

Carroll	Kavulich	Schreiber	Sims
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 530, PN 569**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agreements with institutions of higher education; in opportunities for educational excellence, further providing for definitions and for concurrent enrollment agreements; and extensively revising and adding charter school provisions.

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?

On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Longietti, is recognized.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise for several concerns regarding this bill, and I want to focus in on one particular concern, and that is, a good portion of this bill is devoted to what is called the Charter School Funding Commission, and this commission is set up in part to examine the financing of charter school entities in the public education system and related issues. I think in order for this commission to be taken seriously, ultimately they are going to issue a report. That report is going to be delivered to the Governor. It is going to be delivered to the minority and majority leaders in the House and the Senate and some other folks in the legislature, and I think in order for it to be taken seriously, and this is a good part of the bill, we need to make sure that we have the process right.

There are 20 members of the commission. Five of those members are to represent the interests of charter schools. These folks specifically come from the charter school community, from a charter school, from a regional charter school, from a cyber charter school, a parent at a charter school, and a teacher at a charter school. Now, who appoints these folks?

Last session, under HB 618, that this bill was modeled after, last session the Governor appointed those folks. It is logical that the Governor would appoint those folks. The Governor appoints many people to commissions. The report is going to be delivered to the Governor. We are going to ask the Governor to take the report seriously, and so we would want the Governor involved, just like the Speaker of the House in consultation with the majority and the minority leaders, just like the President pro tem of the Senate in consultation with the majority and the minority leaders will have appointments each of four members of the General Assembly. We want those folks involved. They are going to get the report. They are going to want to read the report. They are going to want to hopefully act on the recommendations of the report.

Additionally, there are four members under this bill that would represent the interest of school districts. They are a teacher of a school district, an administrator of a school district, a school board member, and a business manager. Once again, under the bill that we had last session, HB 16, these folks were appointed by the Governor. It makes sense that they would be appointed by the Governor. We want to keep the Governor in this process. And so unfortunately, under this bill, the Governor is cut out of the process. Yes, he receives the report, but he does not appoint anybody. Instead, the State Board of Education, the chairman of that board, appoints the folks that I mentioned, and it is approved by the State Board. The State Board of Education has had no history of being involved in the funding of charter schools, and yet that is what this commission is about. And so as we stand here today ready to vote on this bill, my concern asks the question, why would we want to cut the Governor out if we want to have a serious report from a serious commission on a serious issue?

And so I think this is the wrong direction, and it is such the wrong direction and it is such an important part of this bill that I must oppose the bill, that I must urge my colleagues to oppose the bill so that we can get back to this issue and have a commission where the Governor is not cut out, just like the legislature is not cut out of the process, and so we can have a serious report from a serious commission.

It is for those reasons, and I said I have other concerns with the bill, but I wanted to highlight those reasons why I think unfortunately this bill should be voted "no," and let us get back to the drawing board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Carroll, on final passage of HB 530.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the concerns outlined by the gentleman from Mercer County, I would like to outline a financial concern with this bill. Mr. Speaker, this bill proposes savings in the neighborhood of \$27 million, but the Governor's proposal that we heard yesterday, if enacted, provides savings in the neighborhood of \$160 million. And so the reality is that this proposal is quite modest and can be refined to generate far greater savings for our school districts and our public education system.

So, Mr. Speaker, the choice today is a choice between \$27 million and \$160 million, and a "no" vote, Mr. Speaker, represents a desire to pursue \$160 million, and I urge us to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the majority chairman of the Education Committee, the gentleman, Mr. Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HB 530, as introduced by Representative Reese. Today I want to thank Representative Reese, Representative Grove, Representative Truitt, Representative O'Neill, for all their work in helping put together this great package in this bill.

The bill generates financial savings for school districts and local taxpayers by making sensible changes to the formula for funding cyber charter schools. Second, and very importantly, HB 530 seeks to preserve and strengthen school choice in Pennsylvania by improving the Charter School Law.

In the short term, HB 530 will save school districts roughly \$27 million, which school districts can use on their own for their own programs. The bill also funnels savings to school districts in the form of limits it places on unassigned fund balances, similar to those in place for school districts, requiring excess fund balances to be returned to school districts.

For the long term, HB 530 establishes a funding commission, with a balanced membership, that will closely examine charter and cyber charter school funding and make recommendations on how to fix any problems or inequities that exist in the current formula. HB 530 also strengthens the Charter School Law by making critical reforms to the law, including, but not limited to: improving ethics, transparency, and charter school entity governance and operations; creating a mechanism to allow better monitoring of academic quality by charter school institutions and authorizers; requiring a teacher evaluation system in charter schools that will mirror the system in place in traditional public schools; requiring a stronger enforcement of truancy laws by charter and cyber charter schools; establishing a system of direct payment for charter and cyber charter schools to provide charters with dependable funding while also providing for better enrollment documentation and a streamlined dispute resolution mechanism for school districts; granting charter schools the right of first refusal to purchase or lease school district buildings; and helping cyber charter schools

administer standardized tests in a cost-effective manner by requiring other public institutions to provide them with testing facilities upon reasonable payment terms.

These are just some of the important reforms that HB 530 will make to the Charter School Law, which was innovative upon its enactment in 1997, 18 years ago, but has become outdated with the passage of time.

This is why we must pass HB 530 now. This bill will make commonsense reforms to the Charter School Law that benefit taxpayers and school districts while preserving and strengthening the charter schools that serve well over 100,000 kids here in Pennsylvania, and I strongly urge a House vote of "yes" on HB 530.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, on final passage.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I interrogate the maker of the bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Reese, has agreed. You may proceed.

Mr. BARBIN. I have been listening to the prior remarks of the last two speakers, and I just wonder why the Governor's appointees were excluded from the terms of the commission makeup in this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So the commission will be appointed by the State Board, and the State Board is appointed by the Governor's Office with confirmation from the Senate. So we are not leaving it with PDE, but it will be with the State Board, who ultimately the Governor has the ability to appoint.

Mr. BARBIN. Is it true that the State Board does not deal with funding?

Mr. REESE. The State Board certainly sets academic policy for the Commonwealth.

Mr. BARBIN. Is it also true that the Governor has appointed most of the members of the current State Board, which will now be making— The prior Governor will have appointed the State Board members that will now be making these appointments. Is that true?

Mr. REESE. It is true that there is a rotating basis for the appointments, and a majority of the appointments are currently with the previous Governor.

Mr. BARBIN. All right. So then is it fair to say that by making the State Board the appointees, that the Governor's prior picks will be the people establishing the basis for the commission?

Mr. REESE. The State Board also is made up of members of this legislature, including our Education chairmen, Representative Roebuck and Representative Saylor, so there will certainly be input from the legislature and from the State Board on the State Board. But ultimately, Mr. Speaker, I would argue that this entity is a bipartisan entity, so I think it is appropriate and fitting to have them make the appointments.

Mr. BARBIN. And one more question. Was the Ohio maximum cyber payment of \$5,800 per pupil ever discussed in coming up with this \$27 million cyber reform?

Mr. REESE. Could you please repeat the question?

Mr. BARBIN. Ohio has a maximum payment to cyber schools of \$5800. Was it ever discussed as the basis for cyber reform for purposes of coming up with these reform discussions?

Mr. REESE. No, Mr. Speaker, it was not.

The idea was to appoint a commission that would represent all the interested parties that ultimately would develop a formula on how to fund these schools. So no, that was not looked at.

Mr. BARBIN. Okay. Was it discussed when you were coming up with this bill that 14 schools with 40,000 students are receiving more than \$10,000 per pupil for cyber education when our adjacent States are paying half that amount? Was that discussed?

Mr. REESE. Well, what was discussed is that we believe that the funding formula is currently not appropriate. That is why we want to put together a commission of folks to determine what is the appropriate amount to pay for a student who is attending cyber school.

Mr. BARBIN. But since the Governor has suggested that we should follow Ohio and have a maximum cyber amount paid, why are you insistent, as the maker of the bill, that the State Board, as opposed to the Governor, should have the right to put his people on the commission?

Mr. REESE. So from my perspective, it would be difficult for me as an individual member of this State House or the Governor to say that this is the appropriate number that should be going to cyber schools. I think it is appropriate to put together a commission who would represent school districts, cyber charter schools, charter schools, all the interested parties to come up with a realistic funding formula on how to pay for students who go to cyber school.

So I think it is better left to a commission rather than one individual.

Mr. BARBIN. All right.

Finally, what would be your response to the statement that has been made by some commentators that what we are doing is stacking the commission with the prior Governor's appointees?

Mr. REESE. Again, the State Board is a bipartisan board. Whichever Governor makes the appointment, the Senate has to confirm. So ultimately I think they handle academic policy for the Commonwealth. They do that in a bipartisan manner. I see no reason as to why they cannot appoint a commission in a bipartisan manner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. It is my understanding the gentleman has concluded his interrogation.

Mr. BARBIN. On the bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage—

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. —you are in order.

Mr. BARBIN. These are the facts. The facts are, we spend a billion dollars on charters and cyber schools. The facts are, 25 percent of the charters are meeting the public school standards, and only 10 percent of the cybers are graduating people in the 14 cyber schools. We are doing it at a cost of almost double what any of the adjacent States around us do it.

The suggestion has been made in this bill that this bill will reform cyber school, but it refuses to meet the most basic problem that we have had since we started cyber schools back

in 2001, and that is that the funding mechanism for cyber schools has nothing to do with the cost of providing a cyber school education.

We can provide a cyber school education today through our IU units, using our State-relateds as experts in online education for probably less than \$3,000. This bill does not even take the minimum steps that Ohio has taken to put a maximum cap on cyber school expenses. Because of that, we are spending \$400 million to pay for 40,000 of our 2 million students' education. At the same time we have reduced a billion dollars of payments to our public schools. Cyber schools are technically public schools under the law. So what we are doing is we are favoring the cyber school payment at \$10,000, when we are not paying our urban schools or our rural schools even two or three thousand dollars.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. BARBIN. So, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully oppose this reform because it does not address the central issue that we should be addressing, which is cost, and I make a motion that this bill be rereferred to the Education Committee so that at least the most important question can be addressed by the Education Committee, cost of cyber school funding, before this bill is brought back for a vote on final passage.

So my motion is to refer this bill back to Education so that the cyber school funding can be capped and we can save, instead of \$27 million, \$200 million.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman has made a motion to recommit the bill in chief, HB 530, to the Education Committee.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that motion, the gentleman, Mr. Reed, is recognized.

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

We would respectfully ask the members to oppose the motion to recommit this bill to the Education Committee. Certainly the gentleman has had the opportunity to offer such an amendment on this floor, declined that opportunity on Monday to do so. This bill came out of the Education Committee, and we believe it is time to move a charter reform bill through the House of Representatives to put it on the table for consideration in the Senate and the broader budget negotiations that will occur in the months ahead. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody, on the motion to recommit.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we should all vote for this motion to recommit this bill. Yesterday we heard a proposal from the Governor, and we have heard here in the debate today that offers \$160 million in savings – not \$27 million, \$160 million.

We have budget hearings coming up. We should take time to listen to the Secretary of Education, listen to the Governor, listen to the administration, send this bill to the committee, and see if we can make it better, save everybody money, save the taxpayers of Pennsylvania \$160 million.

We should support the motion to recommit the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Those in favor of recommitment to the Education Committee will vote "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—78

Acosta	Dean	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Deasy	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLissio	Kavulich	Roebuck
Boyle	DeLuca	Kim	Rozzi
Bradford	Dermody	Kinsey	Sabatina
Briggs	Donatucci	Kirkland	Sainato
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kortz	Samuelson
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Burns	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Schlossberg
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Costa, P.	Galloway	Mullery	Thomas
Daley, M.	Gergely	Neuman	Vitali
Daley, P.	Gibbons	Parker, C.	Waters
Davidson	Goodman	Pashinski	Wheatley
Davis	Hanna	Petrarca	Youngblood
Dawkins	Harhai		

NAYS—118

Adolph	Greiner	Maloney	Reese
Baker	Grell	Marshall	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Marsico	Roae
Benninghoff	Hackett	Masser	Ross
Bloom	Hahn	McGinnis	Saccone
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Godshall	Major	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Mrs. Parker.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 530.

Mr. Speaker, I just want us to, particularly for those of us who represent the county and the city of Philadelphia, I want us to take a stroll back to last session where we went through the very tumultuous process of trying to support the passage of a cigarette tax in order to generate much-needed funding for the School District of Philadelphia so we would not start the school year with schools actually having to be closed. We got through that process, Mr. Speaker, because a lot of people on both sides of the aisle worked together in order to make it happen, and we are grateful for the support, the bipartisan support, we received to support that legislation, which was not great policy from my and several members of the delegation's perspective, but we did it, Mr. Speaker, because we knew that the School District of Philadelphia was in dire need. My problem with this, Mr. Speaker, is, you will remember that attached to that language which gave the city of Philadelphia the enabling authority needed to pass a cigarette tax was the fact that there would be some adjustments to the appeal process regarding charter schools.

Now, for those of you who may not be familiar, you know, in the city of Philadelphia, the SRC (School Reform Commission) made the decision about whether or not it would accept and/or deny a charter application process. What that amendment that was attached to that cigarette tax language did was it allowed those charters that had been denied to appeal to the State Board.

Now, Mr. Speaker, while we were not happy about that, many of us who represent the city of Philadelphia, we supported it, Mr. Speaker, because we said there is fairness in the board of appeals. And it did not matter, we did not feel that there was any bias. We supported it because we thought that because 50 percent of the appeals that had been brought forth, the board had approved those. So we said there is no bias there. We thought that they were extremely objective. And we said, okay, we need the cigarette tax—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlelady please suspend.

We are sort of, kind of off subject here talking now about the cigarette tax and not the bill in chief. Before the members is HB 530. I would just ask you to stay focused on the bill in chief.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. PARKER. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for that latitude. But, Mr. Speaker, I do want to note for the record that the language that I am referencing regarding the appeals process for charter schools,

that it was associated with the cigarette tax language that has passed, is directly connected to the language associated with HB 530 because we are talking about the very same board that we, those of us who represent Philadelphia, we had to sort of swallow that bittersweet pill when we did not support it, sort of based just on process, but we did it, Mr. Speaker, because we had a faith in the appeals board that was established and the one that is being adjusted as it is contained in HB 530.

So I just want to make for the record, Mr. Speaker, that what I just mentioned in terms of historical perspective about the appeals board and the language that was connected to the cigarette tax is directly related to what we are talking about here in HB 530.

In addition to that, Mr. Speaker, I needed to note for the record that 50 percent, 50 percent of the appeals that went before this committee were actually approved. So with that in mind, you know, if I am a member of the general public, you fix something, Mr. Speaker, when it is broken. You fix something if this appeals board had been structured in such a way that anyone could say it was presenting some sort of bias through its actions when in fact it had not, Mr. Speaker.

When I was on my way, Mr. Speaker, here from Philadelphia this morning, I got several e-mails from constituents in the Mount Airy and Chestnut Hill sections of my district, and this is what they said, Mr. Speaker: While we should be having a discussion, broad-based, about making the funding of public education the sole priority regardless of whether we are talking about charters and those who may be denied and are going through the appeals process as contained in the language of HB 530, that is what should be our discussion. Instead, we are sitting here having a debate about whether or not we should give more weight to one portion or group of people who deliver educational services in the Commonwealth versus traditional public school. And, Mr. Speaker, I just want to note that this could be financially disastrous for the city of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia.

Finally, we feel like we are about to get on strong financial footing, Mr. Speaker, because of the excitement that we and members of our constituency felt about the very bold message delivered yesterday in the Governor's budget, that it did not matter whether or not we were talking about charters or traditional public, we would be on fair, equal ground and footing for public education in the Commonwealth.

And with that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I do not think that HB 530 includes a strategy that helps us get on solid ground as it relates to delivering public education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Rather, it does what my grandmother would call, and that is, in the race of life, we do not all start at the starting line. Right, Mr. Speaker? Some people start at the 300-yard line, the head of the starting line, and then some people start at the 300-meter line way behind that race, Mr. Speaker, and they have to play catchup.

Well, now what we are asking is to give those charter providers a heads-up, okay, and some sort of advantage via that appeals board.

With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote "no" on HB 530. It is not good policy, and it does not make sense.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlelady, Ms. Harper, on final passage of HB 530.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With all due respect for my friend and colleague from Philadelphia, I will be voting "yes" on this bill because it saves the School District of Philadelphia more than \$4 million.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Thomas, on final passage of HB 530.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 530, and, Mr. Speaker, I hope that HB 530 becomes a teaching moment for members on both sides. And I encourage members on both sides to check with your leadership and to ask your leadership to pull up for you the record, the floor discussion, the hearings, and the conversations which took place in giving rise to charter schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What was intended by this body was never to create an adversarial situation. We have an adversarial relationship right now between public schools, charter schools, cyber schools. I do not think that anybody, whether you are Republican, Independent, or Democrat, intended to create an environment where we have adults fighting each other while children suffer, and that is the paradigm that we are currently facing. To support 530 only continues that paradigm of an adversarial relationship between school systems in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Now, my colleague talked about the financial impact on Philadelphia County. Well, Mr. Speaker, I rise to say to you that Philadelphia County is not isolated. Let me say that again. Philadelphia County is not isolated. If you look at the impact of this bill on many of the 501 school systems in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this will not bring about what was intended when we established the Charter School Law. We have gotten far away from what we wanted to do. Governor Ridge and Governor Schweiker were thinking about kids when they were talking about the Charter School Law. We are no longer talking about kids. We are talking about grown people, big people, fighting each other on what they think is best for children while children are suffering from one county to the other based on what your relationships are.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing in HB 530 that is going to put, and for those of you that are legal practitioners, legal practitioners, at the heart of American juris prudence when it comes to domestic relations, and that is putting the interest of the child first, putting the interest of the child first. To put the child first requires you to separate selflessness from selfishness.

If we support HB 530, we will be choosing selfish interests over selflessness that runs to the interest of children. And so I urge you, I urge you, put the interest of children in Pennsylvania, whether they be black, yellow, brown, or green, because all children are part of God's creation. Put the children first. Vote "no" on HB 530.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, on final passage.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 530. I would point out a couple of things. First, the process that was used to bring this bill to the House floor. I know the bill has only been around since February 18. It was introduced on February 18. And yes, the bill was voted out of the Education Committee, but the Education Committee did not have a public hearing on the specifics of HB 530.

Normally, in the legislative process you would have a public hearing. On this topic, you might invite in school districts to ask about what they think about the language of this bill, you might invite charter schools in to talk about what they think about the language of this bill, and you might invite the taxpayers of Pennsylvania in who are the ones who are paying for the charter schools. Now, it has been 18 years since the Charter School Law passed in Harrisburg in 1997, and yes, it is time to take a look at this law and propose reforms, but I fear that the reforms in this bill go in the wrong direction.

We hear all the time from our constituents that charter schools are becoming an increasing cost to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, an increasing cost to our school districts, and our school districts, of course, pass the cost along to the property tax payers of Pennsylvania. Look closely at what is included in this bill. There is direct pay. Now, under current law, a basic education funding from Harrisburg goes to a school district and then a charter school would submit an accounting of how many students they have and they would submit a request for payment to the school district, and in that process you would have to justify exactly what students are at the charter school and what months they attended the charter school. There is an opportunity for back and forth between the school district and charter school. Under direct pay, which is included in HB 530, the money goes straight from Harrisburg to the charter school. The school district is cut out of the equation. Yes, they can object about the accounting of the students, but it is after the money has already left, and so there is less accountability.

What about the term of a charter school? Under current law, when you approve a charter school, it is for a 3-year term. This bill changes that to 5 years. Now, you and I have all read stories about charter schools that have gone wrong, charter schools that have caused problems for taxpayers and students and home communities, but under this bill, instead of waiting 3 years until that charter is up for renewal, now all charters in Pennsylvania would have a 5-year term, an initial term, 2 extra years before a problem could be caught and addressed.

What about the appeals board? Now, this appeals board that has been set up consists of seven members. It is a balanced appeals board that has actually been in place through four different Governors' administrations: Governor Ridge, Governor Schweiker, Governor Rendell, Governor Corbett, and now Governor Wolf, five different Governors from both parties. This appeals board has worked well through the years, for 18 years. Now all of a sudden this bill says that we should add two more members to this appeals board and they should both represent charter schools. So it takes a balanced appeals board and tries to stack it with two additional members representing charter schools.

I am reminded of Franklin Roosevelt trying to pack the Supreme Court in 1937 with the court-packing plan, which, by the way, did not make it into law.

Also, I would like you to take a close look at page 9 of this bill. It sets up a Charter School Funding Advisory Commission. Now, this bill is very clever in one respect. By saying that the appointee should come from the State Board of Education instead of from the Governor, this bill finds a way to have Governor Corbett be involved in the appointment of the members of this commission, because as you know, current members of the State Board of Education were appointed in the previous administration. And so this bill cleverly finds a way to

have Governor Corbett's influence extended into the workings of this commission.

But yes, this bill spells out some specific things that the commission is supposed to work on, and you can read them on page, I think it is pages 8 and 9 and 10 of this bill. Take a look at page 9. One of the things that this commission is supposed to study is the establishment of a "...State level board to authorize charter..." schools, a State authorizer. Well, what is the current law? You know the current law, that if somebody wants to form a charter school, they have to file an application to the school district that would be footing the bill and the property tax payers of that school district who would be footing the bill, and there is a review process, and the school board gets to vote yes or no. This bill, in setting up this advisory commission, is asking that the advisory commission study a statewide authorizer, allowing charter schools to be authorized in Harrisburg but still sending the bill to the property tax payers. The authorization would be in Harrisburg, but the local school districts and the local property tax payers would have to pay the bills. Two hundred and forty years ago that was called taxation without representation, and Tea Party Patriots were against that.

Finally, this bill in a clever manner is coming up this week. Amendments were filed on Monday. I know the majority leader just chided one of my fellow members for not filing an amendment on Monday. Well, we have all been here this week. Did anybody notice what happened on Tuesday? A new Governor proposed his budget for Pennsylvania, and in that budget there is a significant change to Charter School Law that is proposed by the Governor. With amendments filed on Monday, it would be impossible to get that into this bill. But take a look at that. Governor Wolf is proposing that the reimbursement rate paid by the school districts and the property tax payers of that school district be capped at \$5,950 in the case of a cyber school. We have all seen articles about cyber schools where costs might be \$4,000 or \$5,000 per student, but yet they send a bill to the property tax payers for eight or nine or ten or twelve thousand. Well, Governor Wolf is proposing a limit of \$5,950.

The Representative from Johnstown just said that Ohio has a limit and has been working with that limit for many years. That limit is not in this bill. So the bill that we are going to vote on, proposed by the majority party, has no limit on the cyber school payments. We have a new proposal that could save the taxpayers of Pennsylvania \$160 million as proposed by Governor Wolf yesterday, but yet today we are voting on a bill that has no limit for cyber school payments.

Mr. Speaker, there is a need for reform of our Charter School Law. There is a need for a serious discussion of this issue, but let us do it in a process where we have public hearings where we get input from school districts and charter schools, and let us have a process that respects the property tax payers of Pennsylvania.

I urge a "no" vote on HB 530.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the minority chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. Roebuck, on final passage.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this proposal, a proposal that purports to be one that will reform charter schools in the Commonwealth. But the reality is, Mr. Speaker, we can and we

must do better. Unlike HB 618 that passed the House last year, HB 530 cuts the Governor out of making appointments to the Charter School Funding Commission, meaning that the Governor will have no real input into the commission's work. This will mean that whatever comes out of the commission has barely any chance of actually finding its way into law. We can and we must do better.

HB 530 only provides \$24 million in savings to school districts, of which \$7 million expires after 2 years. This does not really make any sense. We get a savings of \$17 million and the Governor who just spoke to us yesterday has put on the table a proposal that saves the Commonwealth, saves our school districts, saves our taxpayers \$160 million. Why not take the 160 instead of the 24 that soon becomes 17? We can and we must do better.

HB 530 makes changes to the Charter School Appeal Board that will tilt the appeals board toward overturning more valid charter school denials by school districts, being a further loss of money to school districts. Now, the lady from Montgomery got up and said we should be happy with this because it gives Philadelphia 4 million more dollars. If this board goes into place and charter school denials are overturned, it will cost my city hundreds of millions of dollars. So keep your \$4 million. Give me a board that will be fair and will not take from my city money that it deserves to keep to educate our children.

HB 530 does not eliminate important noninstructional services from tuition payments to charters that would provide real savings to school districts, all school districts in Pennsylvania. HB 530 does not require the State Department of Education to conduct an annual end-of-the-year final reconciliation process of tuition payments from school districts to a charter school against the actual cost of educating children in the charter school. How much does this cost every school district in this Commonwealth when you do not reconcile the way in which you brought out the money at the end of the year? That affects everyone in this Commonwealth, taxpayers and the districts that paid the money through which the money flows.

Finally, HB 530 does not adequately address the growing taxpayer concerns about the role that contractors play in the management of charter and cyber charter schools and the large payments of fees that some of them are getting from charter school entities. Let us be clear, Mr. Speaker, charter schools offer viable opportunities for bringing about meaningful change, but they need to be held accountable. What we are in the process of doing once again, Mr. Speaker, is creating and remembering that charters are like our public schools as are the traditional public schools.

What we are about doing is creating a dual school system, two school systems separate and unequal, that are treated differently in the way money is driven out, differently in accountability. It is a reversal about fundamental principle written into our law in *Brown v. Board of Education* that is separate and unequal, is inherently unequal and wrong.

We should not pass this bill which further ingrains that in the society of this Commonwealth. It is wrong. We need to vote it down.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Grove, on final passage.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have about an hour's worth of remarks on the importance of HB 530 and why we need to pass it, but I will be submitting them for the record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Please submit your remarks to the clerk for the record.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in support of HB 530, which will provide an overhaul to our charter law to increase accountability, transparency, and ensure we have quality education regardless of how that education is delivered. It builds upon the nonpartisan funding commissions we have had and currently have to get the hotly debated charter funding correct.

I have been a firm believer that we must get a new traditional school district funding formula completed before tackling charter funding, as they are directly linked.

Mr. Speaker, HB 530 will strengthen educational opportunities for Pennsylvanians, provide funding to our traditional schools, and continue to improve the quality of education for every student in our Commonwealth.

I again urge my colleagues for their affirmative votes on HB 530. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the minority whip, Mr. Hanna, on final passage of HB 530.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, Mr. Grove, for giving me his hour for my remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 530. We should vote "no" on HB 530 because it adds two new members to the appeals board – a charter school trustee and a charter school administrator. These changes will likely lead to more overturning of valid denials of charter school applications and renewals. I believe the current appeals board has done a fair job and that this legislation weakens the independent role that the appeals board has demonstrated in reviewing denials of charter school applications and renewals.

We should vote "no" on HB 530 because it does not eliminate important noninstructional services from the tuition payments to charters. Such a provision would provide real savings to school districts.

Further, HB 530 has no annual audit which would determine how much charter and cyber charter schools are spending on their student's education. This much-needed reform is not included in this legislation.

The contracting out of charter and cyber charter schools to management companies has increased significantly. In 2010-11, 42 percent of cyber charter schools and 30 percent of brick-and-mortar charter schools paid management companies to manage their schools. I am sure this percentage has only increased since then. Yet lack of transparency and oversight has led, in many instances, to excessive management fees, increasing schools' administrative costs and resulting in less

money being available to educate students. I believe the York City School District is, sadly, a perfect example of this.

Charter schools were meant to be schools of innovation, not tools for corporate profit. Real charter school reform would, through audits, provide adequate transparency and financial accountability for contractors, including for-profit management companies that provide management, educational, or administrative services to charter school entities.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania children deserve a better solution than HB 530. I encourage members to vote "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Sturla, on final passage.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Last session I rose on the floor of the House to point out that in the previous session 93 percent of the bills had not had a hearing in committee, and last session we checked the stats for that. Ninety-four percent of the bills that came before the floor of the House had no public hearing in committee and this bill has had no public hearing in committee.

Mr. Speaker, we heard the other day that this was a bill that was already negotiated, which is why we could not do amendments because we already figured this out. And I am just wondering whom we negotiated with, because it seems to be a pretty sad state when the potential savings in this bill are somewhere between \$17 million and \$24 million, and we know that it could be on the upside of \$160 million. We know that we could adopt some real reforms that had permanent effects in the State of Pennsylvania or we could do ones that sunset after 2 years like this bill does.

We could actually make changes that we have talked about for years, not in committee though, to the charter laws in the State of Pennsylvania or we can nibble around the edges, like this bill does, and have more of the same but call it charter reform.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on this tepid excuse for charter reform. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER. Mr. Reese.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to offer HB 530 today for consideration by this chamber.

This bill is the product of several months of communication between various stakeholders in the education field. Mr. Speaker, ultimately this bill targets three areas as they pertain to charter and cyber charter education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The first effort was to provide immediate relief for the school districts by adding two additional deductions on their 363 report. To that end, this language will allow school districts to deduct expenditures for food services along with previous year's cyber school costs. Research has indicated that this will save our public school districts roughly \$27 million annually.

The bill then goes a step further and seeks to make some long-term corrections related to charter school funding. HB 530 will require an advisory commission to be established, which

will include participation from the following stakeholders: the Department of Education; the State Board of Education; members of the legislature; and appointees that represent the interests of charter schools, cyber charter schools, and school districts. This commission will be tasked with identifying appropriate funding formulas for these institutions as well as consider how to compare charter school performance with the performance of the student's home school.

Mr. Speaker, HB 530 will also provide financial relief for school districts by imposing a fund balance limit on charter and cyber charter schools. Furthering this effort, charter and cyber charter schools that exceed fund balance requirements will be required to reimburse the tuition-paying entity.

Additionally, this bill will provide for direct payment of charter and cyber charter schools by the Department of Education. This will be done in conjunction with improved enrollment documentation and dispute resolution procedures for the home school districts to utilize.

This legislation will also make important updates to the Charter School Law by strengthening provisions related to accountability, ethics, and overall governance. Also, Mr. Speaker, this legislation will make the Ethics Act applicable to charter school trustees and administrators.

Mr. Speaker, HB 530 also addresses conflicts of interest, nepotism, auditing requirements, and transparency requirements.

Lastly, this bill seeks to strengthen charter schools by allowing for the following: the consolidation of high-performing charter schools, establishing a performance matrix, requiring stronger enforcement and truancy laws, improving the charter school enrollment process, establishing a process giving charter schools a right of first refusal to purchase or lease unused school buildings, allowing cyber charter schools to deliver instruction using electronic books, and finally, helping cyber charter schools administer standardized tests more efficiently.

HB 530 is a very broad bill and it addresses a variety of needs. It was crafted with the input of education professionals along with legislators of this body. I believe it to be a fair and nonpartisan piece of legislation. Therefore, I respectfully request a "yes" vote from my colleagues on HB 530.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—118

Adolph	Greiner	Maloney	Reese
Baker	Grell	Marshall	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Marsico	Roae
Benninghoff	Hackett	Masser	Ross
Bloom	Hahn	McGinnis	Saccone
Boback	Harhart	Mentzer	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harper	Metcalfe	Santora
Causar	Harris, A.	Metzgar	Saylor
Christiana	Heffley	Miccarelli	Schemel
Corbin	Helm	Millard	Simmons
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Culver	Hickernell	Milne	Staats

Cutler	Hill	Moul	Stephens
Day	Irvin	Murt	Tallman
DeLozier	James	Mustio	Taylor
Diamond	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Tobash
DiGirolamo	Kampf	O'Neill	Toepel
Dunbar	Kaufman	Oberlander	Toohil
Dush	Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper
Ellis	Keller, F.	Parker, D.	Truitt
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Vereb
English	Killion	Peifer	Ward
Evankovich	Klunk	Petri	Warner
Everett	Knowles	Pickett	Watson
Farry	Krieger	Pyle	Wentling
Fee	Lawrence	Quigley	Wheeland
Gabler	Lewis	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gillen	Mackenzie	Rader	
Gillespie	Maher	Rapp	Turzai,
Godshall	Major	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—78

Acosta	Dean	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Deasy	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLissio	Kavulich	Roebuck
Boyle	DeLuca	Kim	Rozzi
Bradford	Dermody	Kinsey	Sabatina
Briggs	Donatucci	Kirkland	Sainato
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kortz	Samuelson
Brownlee	Evans	Longietti	Santarsiero
Burns	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Farina	Markosek	Schreiber
Carroll	Flynn	Matzie	Schweyer
Cohen	Frankel	McCarter	Sims
Conklin	Freeman	McNeill	Snyder
Costa, D.	Gainey	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Galloway	Mullery	Thomas
Daley, M.	Gergely	Neuman	Vitali
Daley, P.	Gibbons	Parker, C.	Waters
Davidson	Goodman	Pashinski	Wheatley
Davis	Hanna	Petrarca	Youngblood
Dawkins	Harhai		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bishop	Gingrich	Kotik	O'Brien
Cruz	Keller, W.		

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The minority whip has noted that Representative DAVIS will be marked absent for the day.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 164, PN 787**, 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 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?

The good gentleman, Mr. Stephens.
Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to point out for the members this bill passed unanimously last session and also came out of committee both in the House and Senate unanimously last session, and it is supported by the Humane Society of the United States, the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police, as well as the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, and the Pennsylvania State Police.

I just respectfully request an affirmative vote from my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Acosta	Everett	Kortz	Readshaw
Adolph	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Barbin	Farry	Lewis	Regan
Barrar	Fee	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Santarsiero
Brownlee	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Godshall	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causar	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
Christiana	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mustio	Thomas
Davidson	Helm	Nesbit	Tobash
Dawkins	Hennessey	Neuman	Toepel
Day	Hickernell	O'Neill	Toohil
Dean	Hill	Oberlander	Topper
Deasy	Irvin	Ortitay	Truitt
DeLissio	James	Parker, C.	Vereb
Delozier	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Vitali
DeLuca	Kampf	Pashinski	Ward
Dermody	Kaufer	Payne	Warner

Diamond	Kauffman	Peifer	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petri	Wentling
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Wheeland
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	
English	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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 568, PN 638**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

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:

YEAS—195

Acosta	Everett	Kortz	Readshaw
Adolph	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Barbin	Farry	Lewis	Regan
Barrar	Fee	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Santarsiero
Brownlee	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora

Burns	Godshall	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causser	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
Christiana	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mustio	Thomas
Davidson	Helm	Nesbit	Tobash
Dawkins	Hennessey	Neuman	Toepel
Day	Hickernell	O'Neill	Toohil
Dean	Hill	Oberlander	Topper
Deasy	Irvin	Ortitay	Truitt
DeLissio	James	Parker, C.	Vereb
Delozier	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Vitali
DeLuca	Kampf	Pashinski	Ward
Dermody	Kaufer	Payne	Warner
Diamond	Kauffman	Peifer	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petri	Wentling
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Wheeland
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	
English	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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 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 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?

The gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Vitali, is recognized.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to congratulate the Representative from Erie County because I know his intentions are very positive with regard to this bill by allowing wind turbines on land that has been preserved for farmland preservation and received moneys from the State for farmland preservation. I know that the intents are very good because he is giving his farmers an additional source of revenue, which is a positive thing, and he is encouraging wind power, which is a positive thing. So I want to first salute the gentleman for this effort.

And I keep going back and forth on this bill. I just want to note a couple things for the record, because I did in fact vote for this bill last term and I may end up voting for it again today.

There is some opposition to this bill that I wanted to make the chamber aware of, and I think the dilemma of this bill is that it pits two very good policies against each other. It pits the policy of encouraging the growth of a renewable fuel source, wind, with the policy of farmland preservation.

And I think the problem I have with this bill is that the farmland preservation program has a limited amount of money to give out, and farmers who take this money, they are essentially getting the difference between their land as farmland and the land as it can be developed. So they are getting compensated for not developing their land. So they get this money, and then to allow them after they have gotten this money, this limited State money from the State, to then get more revenues from the development, there is an element of not double-dipping or not unjust enrichment, but there is just a problem with getting money for not developing your land and then coming back and getting that second bite at the apple.

Now, I understand that this is not really going to shrink the amount of farmland out there, because these wind turbines do not have a large footprint, but there is the added benefit of the farmland preservation program, which is the whole viewscape issue, which is the issue of people like the value in Pennsylvania of driving down a country road and seeing it in that rural character, and although I personally find wind turbines very sort of majestic and graceful, there is that development issue.

I would just like for the record to note that this bill, for example, is opposed by the Farmland Preservation Association. They, in a letter of February 9, say that they, quote, "...believes that the use of preserved farmland for commercial energy development is not consistent with the intent and purpose of preserving farmland, as described in the statement of legislative findings....," blah, blah, blah. And this bill is also opposed by the Cumberland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

My only feeling, my main feeling with regard to this bill is — and I am mainly perhaps speaking to the Senate now — I believe if a farmer chooses after receiving State money to give up his development rights, gets more money from wind development, a fraction of that should be given back to the farmland preservation program, a fraction of what he receives in additional revenue should be given back so that more farms can be preserved. I think that might be a reasonable sort of addition to this bill so that both the farmer can be compensated and the farmland preservation program can remain its integrity.

They are my thoughts on this bill. Again, I do tip my hat to the Speaker for forwarding important policy interests here.

The SPEAKER. The good lady from Bucks County, Representative Watson.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the Representative from Erie's bill.

I do feel that I need to correct the record. For the record, Mr. Speaker, I live on less than a third of an acre, but I thought it was great when we moved there. So I do not have anything except indirect knowledge, but I am very familiar with the ag preservation program, particularly in Bucks County but certainly in all of the suburban counties that surround Philadelphia where development pressure has been extreme, and so preservation of farmland, particularly in my home county of Bucks, has been a major factor and something that county commissioners have engaged in since they first did a bond issue in 1995 to additionally support the State program.

The notion, Mr. Speaker, that somehow the farmer is made whole when he puts his land in preservation and gets money from the State, or if you live in a county like mine, where the county comes in and also supplements that, that is plain not true.

Quite frankly, in my home township of Warrington Township, we had a wonderful farmer – he has recently passed away – who took his 156-acre dairy farm, the last in Warrington Township, I would add, and put it in preservation. He did it at a time because his family had been in the farming business for well over 100 years, but he did it at a time when a major developer in the southeast and, actually, a developer across the nation – and I am not naming him because I do not give him a plug – but a major developer was offering him over at the time – and this is in the early 2000s – \$85,000 an acre. He took the offer that gave him I think the 15 and whatever, he ended up with something like \$35,000 or \$40,000 an acre. Now, those of you who are the C.P.A.s (certified public accountants) in here and all of the tax attorneys would tell you that is a really bad financial decision and you are not being made whole.

But again, I call it a philosophical decision that you believe how important farming is. Your family is part of that agricultural network that underpins Pennsylvania that indeed that is what you do and that is what farmers have done in this program across the country. They are also the same farmers that hold the hayrides or the corn mazes or anything they can think of to supplement an income.

And I happened to, I guess, in the late nineties attend a meeting through the county when we were going through an extreme drought, and when we keep saying, oh, these farmers, they should give something back, they are going to make a lot of money on this, no, they are not. They carry debt that most of us would never even dream of carrying, and I have said I do not even understand how they sleep at night, but it is three, four hundred thousand dollars for equipment, and that is just the way they do it, to survive.

So I have to dispute the notion that somehow this is really going to be a great moneymaker for them. It is not. It is another way that they may supplement a farming income, but please in no way believe that any of these folks in agriculture are out there making money on their program. And we have to applaud and support them for keeping – for not selling to development and keeping those farms, because most of us do enjoy the products that they raise, we enjoy the tax revenue that they provide, and it is very important to understand what they go through and applaud them for their efforts and any support we can give that helps them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The good gentleman from Perry County, Representative Keller.

Mr. M. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to kind of tail on with the last speaker on the benefits from what is transpiring in the farming community.

The speaker prior to her mentioned the fact of all the dollars that they receive. Well, I can tell you for a matter of fact in the district that I represent, a lot of those lands are donated. There is no money received by those farmers because they are so entailed in making sure that their land is preserved. So that is one of the things that I want to point out, that not every farmer pays. They donate their ag land preservation so that it can be preserved and to allow them to have an opportunity to enhance their farmland a little by this bill.

I certainly support it. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The good gentleman, Mr. Sonney, from Erie County.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to remind the members that I worked very closely with the Department of Ag and the State Preservation Board to develop this bill, and you know, quite frankly, I would also like to remind the members that, you know, a lot of the farms that were preserved and those original farmers that were paid those moneys to preserve those lands have since, you know, retired and have sold those lands and there are new owners now.

And you know, I had one owner a few years ago come to me and ask, could they buy their way out because they knew that the land that they purchased would be worth so much more money on the open market because it was on a ridge overlooking Lake Erie and they could make a tremendous amount of money, and they said, I will pay the money back with interest if I can get out of this, and of course you cannot get out of it, you cannot get out of it.

And quite frankly, I think it is important for those owners of those lands to be able to generate revenue any way they can. We know that farming is very difficult today and the struggles that our farmers go through just dealing with Mother Nature let alone dealing with all of the government regulations.

So I would ask the members for a positive vote. I think it is a positive thing for our farmers and ask for that positive vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Allegheny and Washington Counties, Representative Maher.

Mr. MAHER. Yesterday we received a budget proposal that suggests that public money should be used to subsidize alternative energy sources. Here today we have the proposition where no one is asking for a subsidy. The farmer is simply asking for permission to harvest energy as they harvest other natural bounty from the preserved farmland.

I would like to remind the chamber that 199 members of this House voted for this proposal, exact proposal last session, including the gentleman, as he pointed out, who seems to have some tribulations about it today.

But I would say, please vote for progress. Help those who are preserving farms to harvest energy and let us get about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	
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EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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 57, PN 49**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates, further providing for sliding scale of rates and adjustments; and, in natural gas competition, further providing for duties of natural gas distribution companies.

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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Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
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Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
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Causer	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
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Corbin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
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DeLissio	James	Parker, C.	Vereb
DeLozier	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Vitali
DeLuca	Kampf	Pashinski	Ward
Dermody	Kaufner	Payne	Warner
Diamond	Kauffman	Peifer	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petri	Wentling
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Wheeland
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	
English	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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 140, PN 124**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1982 (P.L.1211, No.279), entitled "An act providing for ridesharing arrangements and providing that certain laws shall be inapplicable to ridesharing arrangements," providing for a short title; further providing for definitions and for motor carrier laws not applicable to ridesharing; and making editorial changes.

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?

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

Will the maker of the bill stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The maker of the bill has agreed to interrogation.

Mr. VITALI. I am not overly familiar with this bill, but does this affect the whole Uber issue we have been reading about in the newspapers and so forth?

Mr. KILLION. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

No, this has absolutely nothing to do with the whole Uber-Lyft issue. This is strictly ride-sharing, where an employer or a

group of employees can hire a private-sector company to transfer them to and from their place of work. It has nothing to do with Uber or Lyft, although last session there were amendments put on this by Uber and Lyft, but they are not on this bill as it is now.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. 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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Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Maloney	Saccione
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Briggs	Gergely	Marshall	Samuelson
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Culver	Harper	Moul	Sturla
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Daley, P.	Heffley	Mustio	Thomas
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DeLozier	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Vitali
DeLuca	Kampf	Pashinski	Ward
Dermody	Kaufner	Payne	Warner
Diamond	Kauffman	Peifer	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
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Evans			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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 315, PN 322**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for definitions and for occupations and establishments.

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.

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English	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
Cruz	Gingrich	Kotik	

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.

STATEMENT BY MR. ELLIS

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, the good gentleman from Butler County, Representative Ellis, is recognized.

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

I would just like to commend my colleagues for their affirmative vote on HB 315. I think it is a great thing for the youth of Pennsylvania, and I truly appreciate your support.

And I have comments to submit for the record.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to commend my colleagues for their affirmative vote on HB 315, which amends the Child Labor Act to permit individuals ages 12 and 13 to enforce the rules and supervise the participants of a youth sporting event.

I believe that this legislation will provide local youth sports leagues greater flexibility in the administration of their games, but more importantly, it will provide young Pennsylvanians a wonderful first experience with leadership, authority, responsibility, as well as the satisfaction and fulfillment that comes with entering the workforce at a young age.

Your vote today is reflective of the General Assembly's continuing commitment to foster a healthy and robust jobs climate in the Commonwealth.

Thank you.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 319, PN 324**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for decision of referee, further appeals and reviews and for powers of board over claims.

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.

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Evans			

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Bishop	Davis	Keller, W.	O'Brien
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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.

STATEMENT BY MR. DRISCOLL

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair would like to recognize, on unanimous consent, Representative Driscoll of Philadelphia County.

MR. DRISCOLL. Mr. Speaker, in 13 days people in Ireland, countless people across this nation, and many constituents in each of our districts will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the feast day of our patron saint of Ireland.

I rise before you today to respectfully and humbly ask you, my colleagues, to refrain from using disrespectful words in the coming days like "St. Paddy's Day," "Pat's Day," "St. Practice Day," and the like when referring to this blessed day. I thank you for your consideration of this sincere request.

And let me be the first, by way of County Cork, Ireland, and the 173d District in Philadelphia, to wish you an early St. Patrick's Day, a blessed, safe, and happy one.

The **SPEAKER**. Thank you, Representative, and happy St. Patrick's Day to you from me by way of Galway County on my mother's side.

STATEMENT BY MR. KAUFER

The **SPEAKER**. On unanimous consent, the good gentleman, Representative Kaufner, is recognized and given the floor.

MR. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to put some of what we had into a historical context. In the Book of Esther, Queen Esther breaches protocol and enters into the king's inner chamber in order to make the case of the salvation of the Jewish people. Queen Esther was a descendant of the tribe of Benjamin. She entered into the king's domain on that day that would become known as the Fast of Esther. So, too, in the year 2015, the Prime Minister of Israel, a man named Benjamin, breached protocol and entered into a chamber in order to make the case of the salvation of the Jewish people of the land of Israel. He spoke before Congress on the very same day as Queen Esther, the Fast of Esther. That modern-day threat to the State of Israel comes from the very same place as the Biblical threat did, Persia or Iran, and with God's help, he will be equally as successful.

I want to thank everybody for allowing me to speak. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

STATEMENT BY MR. SAYLOR

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from York County, Stan Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to invite the members to join me and the Speaker and the majority leader in room 140 of the Main Capitol, which is the Republican caucus room, to celebrate with all of us one of our good staffers, Dave Transue's retirement.

Dave has been a big part of our education program and success of our education system here in Pennsylvania for many, many years, serving in the Ridge administration, in the State Senate, and of course here in the House. Without David on our staff over the years, I do not know where we would be. So we are very fortunate to have him, unfortunate to lose him, but I ask you to join us to celebrate his retirement in room 140 when we adjourn.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

I, too, would like to note that the service of David Transue on the record has just been exemplary, and we are very, very appreciative of your service to our caucus and to the chamber and to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the caucus room shortly.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 33;
HB 66; and
HB 264.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 182 and HB 400 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The majority caucus chair, Representative Major, is recognized for notice.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 2 p.m. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 2 o'clock. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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. At this time the good gentleman, Representative Gillespie, of York County moves that the House now be adjourned until Monday, March 30, 2015, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

As many of you know, we begin 3 weeks of Appropriations Committee hearings and many members will be participating in those hearings.

Again, Monday, March 30, 2015, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

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

Motion was agreed to, and at 1:20 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.