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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)  
PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER. Our prayer today will be offered by Father Kevin Gillespie, president of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FATHER KEVIN GILLESPIE, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning, Mr. Speaker, members of the House of Representatives, and guests.

On this eve of Earth Day, when our State and our nation will recognize and reverence the beauty and the bounty of Mother Earth, we pray, O loving creator, with gratitude for the immense natural riches and resources of Pennsylvania: for the majesty of its mountains, for its rivers flowing abundantly with life and minerals, for its fields whose harvest it feeds the region and the world, for its plethora of peoples diverse and resplendent.

We ask, O God, for Your divine, sustaining spirit to bless the men and women assembled here as Pennsylvania's elected Representatives. Guide their deliberations, inspire their decisions, and lead them in the paths of understanding and the ways of wisdom as they seek the greater good for our State, for our nation, and for our earth. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, April 20, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

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

**HB 153, PN 1318** (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 501, PN 1319** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating the Conodoguinet Bridge on that portion of State Route 641 over the Conodoguinet Creek, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, as the Army Pfc. Harold "Sam" E. Barrick Memorial Bridge.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 779, PN 1320** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a portion of State Route 254 in Northumberland County as the Staff Sergeant Thomas Allen Baysore Memorial Highway.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 919, PN 1109** By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

### SENATE MESSAGE

#### RECESS RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,  
April 20, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 4, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 4, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?  
Resolution was concurred in.  
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1041** By Representatives COHEN, BISHOP, FREEMAN, HARKINS, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, O'BRIEN and THOMAS

An Act providing legal protections from abusive work environments and for remedies.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 21, 2015.

**No. 1042** By Representatives DeLUCA, PICKETT, THOMAS, HARKINS, McNEILL and D. COSTA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for pharmaceutical cost transparency.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 21, 2015.

**No. 1043** By Representatives YOUNGBLOOD, DONATUCCI, TOEPEL, THOMAS, MILLARD, McNEILL, COHEN, MURT, KINSEY, ACOSTA, FARINA, TOOHIL, MAHONEY and FLYNN

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for reports related to redevelopment assistance capital projects and for administration of redevelopment assistance capital projects.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 21, 2015.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative Cutler from Lancaster County, who requests a leave of absence for Representative Glen GRELL of Cumberland County for the day.

Turning to the minority whip, Mike Hanna of Clinton County. There are requests for leaves from Representative CRUZ of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative KIRKLAND of Delaware County for the day, Representative STURLA of Lancaster County for the day, Representative THOMAS of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative ACOSTA of Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, those leaves of absence are granted.

### MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT—197

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

#### ADDITIONS—0

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Grell	Sturla	Thomas
Cruz	Kirkland		

#### LEAVES ADDED—9

Bishop	Hackett	Lewis	Peifer
Boyle	Harper	Masser	Vereb
Godshall			

## LEAVES CANCELED—1

Peifer

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

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

**HB 74, PN 65** By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for the offense of endangering welfare of children.

JUDICIARY.

**HB 122, PN 1321 (Amended)** By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for tuition account program; and, in Pennsylvania Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, further providing for court authorization of a transfer.

JUDICIARY.

**HB 124, PN 109** By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for commencement of proceedings.

JUDICIARY.

**HB 410, PN 1322 (Amended)** By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further providing for liability for support; and, in child custody, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction.

JUDICIARY.

**HB 424, PN 459** By Rep. MARSICO

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for concealing death of child.

JUDICIARY.

The SPEAKER. Members, if I could have your attention, please.

It is important to recognize that this august chamber is the people's chamber and many citizens from across Pennsylvania appreciate the opportunity to come and visit here. Thus, it is important to introduce these fine guests, to welcome them here.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. And we are going to begin by introducing, to the left of the rostrum, a guest of Representative Mike Regan, and that is World War II veteran Robert McCaleb. Technical

Sergeant McCaleb fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The 3-week battle resulted, as you know, in a massive loss of American soldiers and civilians. Seated with Sergeant McCaleb is his son, Gene, and in the rear of the House are additional family members. I would ask that you all please rise in honor of this esteemed World War II veteran. Thank you so much for your service.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes 13 interns from the Harrisburg Internship Semester, along with their coordinator, Dr. J.B. Smith. Sponsored by the State System of Higher Education, the interns have been working at various State agencies in Harrisburg for the last semester. These interns are the guests of the majority leader from Indiana County, Representative Dave Reed. Would you please rise.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Riley Cagle, who is shadowing Chairman Marsico and Chairman Gillespie for the day. He is currently a junior at Northeastern High School and hopes to major in political science and become either a State legislator or a United States Congressman. His parents, Kelly and Jon, are seated with him. Please rise and welcome.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes students from Montgomery County Community College. They are here for the day shadowing our Montgomery County legislators, Representative Toepel and Chairwoman Harper. Our guests are Kayla Burnham, Caitlyn Soriano, Rachel Glazman, and Rachel Lightstone, and they are the guests of Representative Marcy Toepel. Thank you very, very much. Please stand.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Brad Tiffany. He is the guest of Representative Kampf. Please stand. Thank you for being here today.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Dr. Sara Hinkle, Mark Fala, Chandler Dangerfield, Becky Starosta, Erica Vasquez, Mauricio Martinez, and Rachel Dreibelbis. These guests are here with Representative Kinsey today. Please stand. Thank you for being with us.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes members of the Anne Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series. Please give this distinguished group a warm welcome, and please rise.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes members of the National Eating Disorders Association. These fine individuals are the guests of Representative Santarsiero. Please stand.

Located in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest pages Neil Painter and Cameron Clarke, who attend Cedar Cliff High School. They are the guests of Representative Sheryl Delozier. Thank you for being with us.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Heather and Steve Hildebrand, who are in Harrisburg advocating ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) awareness, and they are the guests of our majority whip, Representative Bryan Cutler. Please stand.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes the group Bucktail Leadership. These are the guests of Representative Mike Hanna, the minority whip, of Clinton County. Please rise.

**STATEMENT BY MR. REGAN**

The SPEAKER. I would like to recognize Representative Mike Regan, who is invited to speak on unanimous consent. Representative Regan, the floor is yours.

Mr. REGAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to honor a member of what is appropriately called the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Speaker, the freedom and safety of much of the world was under severe threat from the Axis Powers of Nazi Germany, Imperialist Japan, and Fascist Italy. That threat was defeated soundly by the Allied Powers in both hemispheres of the world. What it took was a sheer, unadulterated bravery on the part of many people who shed their blood for freedom.

Today I am so proud to honor 96-year-old Robert Eugene McCaleb, who fought valiantly for his nation and the free world to try to rid us of the threat of tyranny.

There were many pivotal battles fought in World War II by land, sea, and air. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy in history was the famed Battle of the Bulge, in which the American Third Army, under the command of Gen. George Patton, directed his army into the face of one of the last German offensives of that war, during horrid winter weather, hurrying to save the 101st Airborne Division, which was surrounded by Nazi troops in Bastogne, Belgium, a town near Luxembourg.

Thanks to Robert and his brothers in arms, that historic battle was won and led directly to the defeat of the German Army and Adolf Hitler. Our recognition today just adds to the long list of medals and citations Robert has received, but today we add our collective voice in honor of his bravery and triumph in World War II.

May God bless Robert and his family, and I would ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking him for his legendary service to our great country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The House will stand at ease for a moment.

The House will come to order.

### **LUKE KARAM AND TYSON KLUMP PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Hahn, Representative Emrick, and Representative Samuelson are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to State champions from the Northampton area. And if we could, please proceed.

Representative Samuelson and Representative Emrick, if you could join Representative Hahn. Representative Hahn, the floor is yours.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise to honor two of Pennsylvania's finest scholastic student athletes – and actually, it is three, but Representative Samuelson will be doing the third.

I am joined by Representative Steve Samuelson, who represents Bethlehem Catholic High School with me, and Representative Joe Emrick, who represents the Nazareth Area School District along with me.

With us today are juniors Luke Karam of Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tyson Klump of Nazareth High School. Both are PIAA Class AAA Champion Wrestlers for the 2014-15 season.

Having won the title in the 113-pound class last season, Luke claimed his second gold medal this season at 126 pounds. His record for the season was 39 wins and 2 losses. Congratulations, Luke.

Tyson's victory at 106 pounds is his first State title, and he amassed a season record of 25 wins and 10 losses. He rallied from an off-season shoulder separation that threatened to sideline him, but he defeated an opponent in the finals that had ended his season last year. So again, congratulations, Tyson.

Luke and Tyson are juniors, so we hope to see them back here again next year, so please join me in congratulating and welcoming to the hall of the House Luke Karam of Bethlehem Catholic and Tyson Klump from Nazareth Area School District.

### **ANDREW DUNN PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I also want to add my congratulations to Luke and Tyson on their State championships.

It is my honor to recognize Andrew Dunn, a senior at Bethlehem Catholic High School and a State champion in AAA wrestling.

Let me tell you a little bit about Andrew Dunn. His record this year was 46 and 0. He was the only undefeated wrestler in District 11 this school year.

Along the way, he won a series of tournaments. He won the King of the Mountain Tournament, the Beast of the East Tournament, the Escape the Rock Tournament, and he also, at the Dapper Dan Classic, defeated a wrestler from Kentucky who was a four-time State champion and was previously undefeated.

During the regular season, Andrew wrestled at 220 pounds and was 35 and 0. During the postseason, he moved up to 285 pounds and he was 11 and 0 with 6 pins.

He is a well-rounded young man. He is also involved at Bethlehem Catholic on the debate team, he is in the Key Club, he is in the Eco Club, and he is also a peer counselor, helping other students at Bethlehem Catholic. What an outstanding young man. When they interviewed him for the newspaper – he is our Wrestler of the Year for both the Morning Call and the Express-Times – and when they interviewed Andrew, he wanted to make sure he thanked his family for all of their sacrifices.

So I want to congratulate Andrew on a tremendous undefeated 46-and-0 season, I want to congratulate him on the State championship he achieved this year, and I also want to wish him all the best at Virginia Tech, where he will be enrolled in college. Congratulations to Andrew Dunn.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

The House will be at ease for just a moment.

The House was called to order.

### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. With these fine wrestlers are their parents, Deborah Karam, and Tyrone and Laurie Klump. Please rise.

In addition, I understand that the Nazareth Area School District's athletic director, Thomas Moll, and the wrestling coach, David Crowell, are both present. If you could rise as well. Thank you very much for being with us today.

And Mary Ellen Dunn is the mother of Andrew Dunn. Mary Ellen, if you could stand as well. Thank you.

## **CENTRAL BUCKS WEST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Marguerite Quinn is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Central Bucks West Girls Soccer Team. Representative Quinn.

Ms. QUINN. Good morning, Mr. Speaker and colleagues.

It is a great privilege and pleasure to introduce you to the 2014 PIAA Class AAA Girls Soccer State Champions. These girls have come out from Doylestown, Pennsylvania. They represent the Central Bucks West High School Soccer Team. Please join me in acknowledging them.

The Lady Bucks have captured eight State titles: 1993, '94, '95, '96, 2003, 2006, and 2007. The girls had a dry spell for a little bit, but here they are with the 2014 championships.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to their coach, Jorge Rodriguez, and the four captains, Grace Bendon, Shae McCarty, Maddy Shaw, and Carmen Telesco.

The final game for Central Bucks West, they competed against Canon-McMillan – so we had the Bucks versus the Big Macs. The Bucks came out with a 2-to-1 win. The win did not come until overtime. It was a free kick hit from about 40 yards out, and it was sent into the box with 9 minutes 12 seconds left in overtime. Lindsey Morgan got the initial shot on the net, executed a pass that was picked up by Jill Nolan, who had a strategic kick that got that shot into the back of the net. Lindsey and Jill, if you are in the back, could you please stand and be acknowledged. Congratulations for that fancy footwork, girls.

The girls from Central Bucks West are not just phenomenal athletes. It is my pleasure to present to you a team that has worked together, but they are also scholars, they give back to their community, and many volunteer hours and they recognize that their leadership on the soccer team makes them leaders in their class and throughout the school and the community.

Colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Bucks girls for this phenomenal win and season.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Quinn.

Members, please take your seats.

Prior to attending to House resolutions, both on the uncontested calendar and the regular calendar, we have an important anniversary that we are going to be commemorating today. I would ask all members to please take their seats.

## **150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S DEATH**

### **REMARKS BY SPEAKER**

The SPEAKER. Last week our nation commemorated the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's tragic assassination and death; much less is known about what followed. Our nation mourned the death of our 16th President as it had never mourned a President before.

For nearly 3 weeks following President Lincoln's death, his funeral train made its 1,654-mile journey from Washington, DC, to his final resting place in his hometown of Springfield, Illinois.

On this exact date 150 years ago today, at approximately just this time, President Lincoln's funeral train was stopped in the city of Baltimore so thousands of residents there could pay their final respects. At approximately 8:30 p.m. the train would pull into the railroad station at 5th and Market Streets here in Harrisburg, and a hearse would carry the President to the chamber of the House of Representatives. There President Lincoln lay in state until the following morning. And during this period of time, thousands of mourners would pass by his coffin in the chamber of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

### **JOSEPH GARRERA PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Here to tell us more about this incredible journey and President Lincoln's extraordinary relationship with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Governor Curtin was one of his most significant supporters in his leadership of the Civil War – is a fine gentleman by the name of Mr. Joseph Garrera. Mr. Garrera is the executive director of the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum and is a noted Lincoln scholar. He has served as president of the Abraham Lincoln Group of New York, and currently serves on the board of the Abraham Lincoln Society in Virginia, the Lincoln Forum, and the esteemed Abraham Lincoln Association in Springfield, Illinois. In the past 20 years, Mr. Garrera has presented more than 200 scholarly programs at schools, universities, and historical societies.

We are honored to have you here today, and it is my honor and pleasure to present to you Mr. Joseph Garrera.

Mr. GARRERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you to this legislative body that serves the good of all people.

I would be remiss if I did not say that Abraham Lincoln would enjoy being with all of you, because we think of Abraham Lincoln as a President of the United States, and we all know that he served one term in Congress, but actually, he spent more time in the Illinois State Legislature than any other political career that he may have had. And so that is where he really learned the skills that made him who he was. There is a great book out there and it talks about his journey to greatness and how it started in the State House of Representatives, so all of you could associate very well with Abraham Lincoln.

Today, today history calls out across the ages. It beckons us to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's historic relationship with Pennsylvania. We should remember that the 16th President's ancestors once called Pennsylvania home, and that their blood is in this soil. His grandfather and namesake, Abraham Lincoln, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania; not in Illinois or not in Kentucky, but here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania played a crucial role in Lincoln's rise to power. At the 1860 Republican National Convention in Chicago, Pennsylvania was a major influence. Back then the Keystone State held nearly one-fourth of the votes necessary to win the nomination – more votes at that time than California, Connecticut, Delaware, Vermont, and Michigan combined.

Abraham Lincoln was not the front-runner at the convention, but Pennsylvania's decision to support Lincoln's candidacy at that nominating convention tipped the scales and changed the course of American history, and we can be proud of all of that today.

As the Civil War bled the life out of America, two powerful armies clashed on the battlefield at Gettysburg. When it ended in July of 1863, some 51,000 casualties were claimed. It was the deadliest battle ever fought in the Western Hemisphere.

That November the battlefield was to be dedicated as a cemetery, a final resting place. Abraham Lincoln was invited as an afterthought to provide what were called a few appropriate remarks. Instead he delivered a transcendent eulogy, a timeless message. He immortalized the sacrifice of Gettysburg soldiers living and dead in a compact, 272-word speech that is admired around the world. Gettysburg was Lincoln's supreme moment, and it took place on a battlefield here in Pennsylvania. The 16th President defined for all time "death and sacrifice in defense of the United States of America."

After 4 years and 41 days in office, Abraham Lincoln was taken by an assassin's bullet. His death shocked people around the world. It was decided that the body of the 16th President would be returned to his home of Springfield, Illinois, on a funeral train.

After official ceremonies in Washington, DC, the nine-car funeral train departed at 8 a.m. on the morning of April 21. It would eventually pass through 444 communities and 7 States. During its 1,654-mile journey, it would never travel faster than 20 miles an hour, slowing to 5 miles an hour as it went through small towns and hamlets.

The locomotives – many of them were used, over 42 different locomotives with American flags, and on the front of the big locomotive was a beautiful portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

The day of departure, the first stop was Baltimore, where the 16th President would lie in state in an open coffin. After the official funeral, it was off again around 3 p.m. on the afternoon of April 21. The funeral train departed Baltimore for the hills of Pennsylvania.

The weather was warm and cloudy. Thousands of grieving mourners gathered at stations all along the route. This was unbelievable to see. We are talking about thousands of people lining the tracks all along the way. The route was federalized. The train was under the jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Everyone in the North was lamenting the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Around 5:30 p.m., 150 years ago today near the Maryland-Pennsylvania State line, Gov. Andrew Curtin and his staff were standing trackside to board the train. Curtin really admired Abraham Lincoln. In fact, without Curtin, Lincoln probably would never have even become President.

Curtin was not feeling well, but he was still there. He realized this was important. In fact, he set the stage for a new precedent, and from there on out, at every State line, a Governor would be there – not at their Capitol, but at the State line waiting with their entourage, and they would stay with the funeral car until it departed their State, and that precedent was started here in Pennsylvania.

So the Governor boarded the funeral train. He had even sent a letter to Mary Lincoln. He asked her, "Could you please stay with me and be my guest when you are in the State of Pennsylvania for the funeral?" And of course, Mary Lincoln was so ill, she could never even leave Washington, never even was able to get out of bed for the funeral, but the Governor had asked her to be with him.

And so as darkness fell on Pennsylvania on April 21, it started to rain, and it was a driving rain. It was a pounding rain. It was one of those rains that we know it just keeps coming and coming and coming. So as the funeral train neared York, there was a pilot engine that would travel before the big locomotive, before the funeral train itself, and that pilot engine would be out about 10 minutes in advance to make sure that the rails were safe and secure. So you can imagine what it was like to see the pilot engine come through York, and then the nine-car funeral train. And then as it pulled into York, the bells began to toll, cannons boomed, a brass band played a funeral dirge, and people stood in profound sadness.

The crowds were large in York; thousands of people had lined the tracks. When the powerful locomotive came to a stop, six women – a number of women had asked to come in and place flowers on the coffin and it was decided only six of them could enter the funeral car. The mood of the Pennsylvania people there was one of somber and profound sadness. Women cried openly at York.

After little more than 5 minutes, the train had to move on again. It had taken on water. At 6:50 p.m. the engine was powered up for the next stop, Harrisburg. It would reach this city 150 years ago tonight.

As the train approached Harrisburg, it was about 8:15, a signalman posted the approach. The pilot engine had already passed, and then cannon from the State Capitol grounds boomed, followed by church bells tolling for our dead President. Everyone in this city was filled with emotion, sadness, and profound sorrow.

The train arrived at the Pennsylvania railroad depot near 5th and Market Streets. The military honor guard traveling with the train placed President Lincoln's coffin on a hearse pulled by four white horses. And it was dark outside and it was a pouring rain. We can only imagine what it was like on that spring day.

It was a large procession in the streets. There was a procession that would come to the Capitol. Military units marched with the funeral hearse, cavalry, artillery units marched, veterans from the War of 1812 marched, local citizens of Harrisburg marched in the funeral cortege, State officials marched, and all along the way these large cannon were firing – boom, boom – with something unequaled, really, in American history. And near 9 p.m. the entire route from the train station to the Capitol was lit up with chemical lights.

The streets back then were caked with mud. Rivers of water bled in the streets. As they marched to the Capitol, it began to pour harder and harder, and violent thunderstorms had erupted and the horses were upset and jumping. There were large signs along the way. And we know that as we are outside sometimes where there is no light and we see a flash of lightning, it lights the area up. And there were these large banners that read, "A nation mourns its martyred father" and "A great man has fallen." These banners were all throughout the city.

The Capitol was draped in black. Crowds outside were immense, numbering in the tens of thousands. Around 9:30 p.m., public viewing of the open coffin began here in Harrisburg.

Mourners moved through the House of Representatives at the rate of 4,000, over 4,000 an hour. And in order to accomplish this, they had taken the windows out of the building and placed steps outside. And so the wake lasted until only midnight, and at midnight everything stopped.

It was not until the next morning, on Saturday morning, April 22, at daybreak, as the sun was coming up, the cannon began to fire again here in Harrisburg. Few in Harrisburg had slept that night. People were anxious, sad, and grieving. These were the words that were reported over and over in diaries. And inside the House of Representatives, crossed battle flags of Pennsylvania regiments decorated the windows. Viewing of the open coffin began at 7 a.m. The flag flying above the Capitol was draped in black and flying at half-staff.

And yet as this is happening, the trains are still pouring into Harrisburg, and people are coming from all over in hopes of viewing Abraham Lincoln's face for one last look.

And then on that day the viewing was short. It lasted only a couple of hours. Around 10 a.m. the honor guard carefully placed the coffin on a hearse. Thousands, thousands, tens of thousands of people were still standing outside with the hope to get one last look at Abraham Lincoln, the man that had carried them through victory in the Civil War. In a total of 5 1/2 hours of viewing here in Harrisburg, they estimated that more than 25,000 people had filed past the coffin.

So the funeral procession began to march back to the train station – State Street, Front Street, Market Street; 50,000 people, 75,000 people. The number of the public outside was enormous, and yet as this is happening, people are still pouring into Harrisburg on the trains with the hope to get one last look at Abraham Lincoln.

Mourners were shocked and upset to learn that there would be no chance to view Abraham Lincoln's martyred face. One local newspaper here in Harrisburg proclaimed, "Today the people of the State capital of Pennsylvania bury their first great martyr, whose name and fame will go down in history as the noblest in the personal annals of the world."

At 11:15 a.m. the train was on the move again. The next funeral stop would be Philadelphia. Traveling to Philadelphia, the train would pass through many towns, small towns and hamlets. In Lancaster, for example, at 1 p.m. the crowd was large there, perhaps 20,000 people along the tracks – 20,000 people. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and former President James Buchanan were in the crowd, and all along the way, people would tip their hats. It was said that old Thad Stevens himself, who had been a man that always prodded Abraham Lincoln to do better, to be all that he could be, took his hat off in profound sadness.

As the train moved on slowly – remember, 5 miles per hour as it went through these small towns and hamlets, and we can only imagine what it was like, that imposing funeral train, nine cars. We know what it sounds like, the hissing sounds of these big steam locomotives. And it moved on and on – Coatesville, Downingtown, Oakland, West Chester. As the funeral train edged closer to Philadelphia, 2 miles out from the city, 2 miles out from the city, unbroken lines of mourners standing along the tracks that far out. It was absolutely astonishing for those who were riding in the funeral train to see this. Everyone aboard the train was absolutely shocked at the outpouring of grief of the people in Pennsylvania.

And when the train arrived in Philadelphia around 5 p.m., the crowds were enormous. Abraham Lincoln would lie in state inside Independence Hall next to the Liberty Bell. Pennsylvania would never forget its true friend. They said more than half a million people were in the streets in Philadelphia; some said even more. Some papers reported three-quarters of a million. In

Philadelphia lines to view the body stretched 3 miles long. They went westward to the Schuylkill River and eastward to the Delaware River.

When all the funerals were over and Mr. Lincoln was back in Springfield, Illinois, for that final farewell on May 4, more than 1 million mourners had filed past his open coffin. Millions more had stood along the tracks and cried as the train rolled on. Just as it had in life, Pennsylvania played a major role in the funeral and in the enduring legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

Today, today we commemorate the 16th President. We remember and honor all of those who died in the war, from the North and from the South.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the honorable House of Representatives for making this historic occasion possible.

Thank you to all. Thank you.

(Taps was played.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Members may be seated.

Thank you, Mr. Garrera, for your outstanding remarks.

## GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The young man who played Taps for us is Andy Lehman. Andy is a senior at Lower Dauphin High School. He is a National Honor Society member and an Eagle Scout. Andy's parents, Linda and Tim, are seated to my left. Andy, thank you very much for a job well done.

Thank you, members.

We will be moving to the regular calendar.

## CALENDAR

### RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BAKER called up **HR 209, PN 1042**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death on April 15, 1865, and noting his distinguished life of public service and indelible leadership during an era of great national crisis.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

### YEAS—197

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

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Grell	Sturla	Thomas
Cruz	Kirkland		

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

### STATEMENT BY MR. BAKER

The SPEAKER. Upon unanimous consent, I would like to call Chairman Matt Baker to the podium.

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

I am not going to go over the resolution, the four-page resolution. I hope the members will take a moment to look at the significant accomplishments, the life, and legacy of our 16th President, our first President assassinated here in America.

In addition to the photograph that was provided to you on the floor, I also sent an email to the members yesterday, compliments of the Capitol Preservation historian, Jason Wilson. I am a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee and I asked him for documents about Abraham Lincoln and his significance here in Pennsylvania.

You have two attachments. I hope you have time to read those attachments. I know the members are extremely busy, have a ton of information every day, but one of the pictures that you may not have ever seen before is a picture of Abraham Lincoln, the site where he was laid for visitation on the floor of the House of Representatives in 1865. And so if you will open up one of those e-mails and take a look at it, you will see the floor of the House of Representatives looked very, very different then. In fact, that building burned to the ground, and this building was built subsequently and rededicated by Teddy Roosevelt. But it is a tremendous picture.

And by the way, there are artifacts and a demonstration outside of the Lieutenant Governor's Office that has a facsimile, has a reproduction of his casket in which he lay in state, outside the chamber here this morning. But please take a look at that information.

Also, the Smithsonian just published a collector's item on Abraham Lincoln's assassination, and it gives you some very good history about Pennsylvania's history in the 150th anniversary. It is the Smithsonian's collector's item on Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

Mr. Speaker, the death of Abraham Lincoln on the morning of April 15, 1865, stunned a nation that was still celebrating the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia only 6 days before.

Many in the North wondered how such a tragedy could happen at a time when the war was so close to an end. Bells tolled and cannons were fired in honor of the fallen President. Black mourning decorations and evergreens adorned homes and businesses alike in the North. Eulogies of Lincoln by politicians, preachers, and newspaper editors began to quickly appear across the North. Even in many of the Southern States, Confederate veterans and newspaper editors condemned the assassination of President Lincoln.

Plans for that burial were soon being made. As the mourning spread across the North, demands to view the martyred President came from every northern State. And on April 18, 1865, the body of President Lincoln lay in state in the East Room of the White House, and over 25,000 people filed past the casket. What you may not know, however, is the procession on Pennsylvania Avenue was led by African-American troops and trailed by a crowd of some 40,000 newly freed slaves.

Mr. Speaker, commonly known as Honest Abe, the Washington Times referred to Abraham Lincoln as a "decent, sensitive, compassionate, honest, and empathetic" man. The former President has also been called "guarded, patient, energetic, and easygoing," according to the Lincoln Institute. The man was considered simple, pure, and sincere by many. He was known as a great and humble leader, self-learned, and quickly became one of the best-known attorneys in the land, for which he represented many, many clients.

Lincoln led the nation during the Civil War, and ultimately was able to establish the Emancipation Proclamation in our Constitution as the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery in America. By authority of a joint resolution, the Select Committee on the Death of President Lincoln invited the Honorable Henry Champion Deming of Hartford, who was a member of Congress and knew President Lincoln personally, and he had the following to say about his good friend Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

He commented on the nation's history, "...the life and character of our late President, so that all may see those qualities of heart and mind by which he endeared himself to the people, and which stamped his official acts with a purity and patriotism which command universal respect and admiration."

He said, "The chief mental equipments which..." Abraham Lincoln "...brought to the mighty task before him, were that downright uncompromising common sense which seems to divine its way through the most intricate problems, a keen insight into human nature, an intimate acquaintance with the spasmodic movements of the American mind, a natural aptitude, improved by professional discipline, in chaining premise to conclusion, and in detecting the occult relations of political cause to political effect, great caution in forming opinions, honesty and sincerity of purpose, inflexible persistence in what he regarded as public duty, and a conscientious sense of his responsibility to the country and to mankind."

He went on to say about his friend, Abraham Lincoln, "He had a temper habitually cheerful, but not, as some have falsely assumed, inflexibly so, for in my brief acquaintance with it, I have seen it wear every shade from exultation to despair. Laughter in abundance was in him but tears were also there. To these characteristics should always be added, an intuitive comprehension of the precise line which divides Right from Wrong, and implicit reliance upon the goodness and wisdom of Almighty God."

He went on to say, "ABRAHAM LINCOLN, above and beyond all other men, loved Peace and hated War; because sieges, battles, strife, swords, bayonets, rifles, cannon, all the paraphernalia and instruments of brute force, were abhorrent to his enlightened and benevolent nature."

The assassination of Abraham Lincoln stunned the nation and abruptly ended the nearly weeklong celebration of the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Black crepe and evergreen mourning decorations quickly began to appear across the North. On April 21, 1865, the funeral train carrying the bodies of Abraham Lincoln and his son, Willie, left Washington, DC, en route to Springfield, Illinois, where it arrived 12 days later on May 3.

One hundred and fifty years ago, ladies and gentlemen, President Abraham Lincoln, perhaps our greatest President, died while serving our country as no other President has done before or since. Our first President assassinated, may God bless America because of the life, leadership, legacy, and death of Abraham Lincoln 150 years ago, that will be forever remembered.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

### RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. WATERS called up **HR 170, PN 930**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—197

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

#### NAYS—0

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Grell	Sturla	Thomas
Cruz	Kirkland		

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

**STATEMENT BY MR. WATERS**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker now recognizes, on unanimous consent, the maker of the resolution, Representative Waters.

Mr. WATERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 170 designates the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day," which is a holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery.

It is hard to imagine today in our world of instant communication that it took almost 3 years for the freedoms granted by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to be expressed to the slaves in Texas. The proclamation was issued on September 22, 1862, with an effective date of January 1, 1863. However, even though newspapers, mail, and even telegraphs existed, and even some railroads were in operation, most of Texas had no idea about the emancipation until June 19, 1865.

On that date, Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 troops landed on the island of Galveston and read a brief notice that all slaves were free and were to become hired labor for their former captors. Former slaves in Galveston began celebrating in the streets, and 1 year later, the first Juneteenth celebrations began throughout Texas. But over the years it has become more than just a simple remembrance of an important historical event.

Also known as African-American Emancipation Day, today the Juneteenth celebration is a time for reflection and rejoicing, acknowledging and honoring the impact of the past on the present.

Two of the most important modern components of the Juneteenth celebration are its emphasis on education and achievement, which I think are two lessons that are valuable for all of us here in the House and merit reflection. We have seen our community come so far, from Thurgood Marshall to President Barack Obama, and even here in the House of Representatives we have our own State Representative, Rosita Youngblood, the first African-American woman to serve in a Pennsylvania House leadership position.

William Penn founded Pennsylvania some 334 years ago, and while there are still many miles left on the journey for true equality, I think he, too, would be proud of the achievements and progress that have occurred here in Penn's Woods. I am also honored to be able to support the efforts of State Representative Sue Helm in her efforts to establish Juneteenth National Freedom Day as an official State holiday, and I encourage all of you to support this effort and legislation as well.

Once again, thank you all for the support of this resolution, 170. Have a wonderful day, and I am looking forward to a wonderful Juneteenth celebration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Representative Waters.

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey, Representative Helm.

Mr. KINSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am going to submit my remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I join my colleagues today to set a course in Pennsylvania for Juneteenth, because as a Black American, my ancestors' stories matter.

My brothers' and sisters' stories matter because they are the history of America itself.

Black, enslaved Africans helped birth our nation. America rose to economic power on their backs, and their struggles and cries ultimately pushed our nation to become the "more perfect Union" immortalized in the United States Constitution.

Expressing the horror, death, and toll on the African people who suffered through the transatlantic slave trade is nearly impossible. Numbers, as horrifying as they are, subvert the far more terrifying reality that entire bloodlines were erased from the earth. Men, women, and children were dumped into the Atlantic. Those who survived their transport faced realities arguably worse than death. Slaves were tortured, raped, hanged, and worked to death.

It is estimated that those 450,000 souls in North America alone would bear the 72 million Black Americans among us today. We will not know our ancestors' terrors firsthand, but our history – and our progress – is inseparable from the dark dreg of slavery, and this is why we adamantly proclaim our freedom and celebrate emancipation.

The signal of the end of the American Civil War was when our stories began to depart from darkness.

It was a triumphant day and time. And given the expanse of human history, it was but a blink of an eye ago.

The news, reaching the farthest flung spaces in America, is as significant as it was straightforward:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of...rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer..." and free laborer.

**STATEMENT BY MS. HELM**

The SPEAKER. Representative Helm.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, Representative Waters, for inviting me to speak in support of your resolution and in support of the bill I have sponsored which would establish Juneteenth National Freedom Day as an annual designation and holiday observance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our State would join at least 37 others in setting aside the third Saturday of June as a time to celebrate the end of slavery and the contributions of the African-American community here in the Keystone State. HB 664 would end the need to pass resolutions such as Representative Waters's by creating a State holiday that would be observed year after year.

In the early days, there was very little interest outside the African-American community in participating in Juneteenth celebrations, which often took place in rural areas along rivers and creeks or on church property. In the decades that followed, the number of such celebrations grew. The Juneteenth movement gained great momentum in 1980 when Texas made it an official State holiday. Today Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

It is time for Pennsylvania to officially join in the celebration. We unanimously passed similar legislation during the last session. I look forward to the approval of HB 664 when it comes up for a vote in the coming days.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Helm, Representative Kinsey, and Representative Waters.

**UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Ms. QUINN called up **HR 105, PN 579**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring BAYADA Home Health Care for 40 years of providing in-home care.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 155, PN 848**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2015 as "Community Service Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MARSHALL called up **HR 175, PN 1217**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Borough of Zelenople.

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Mr. HENNESSEY called up **HR 185, PN 979**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 214, PN 1112**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2015 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. QUINN called up **HR 254, PN 1220**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 21, 2015, as "Independent College and University Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FLYNN called up **HR 261, PN 1251**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2015, as "Pennsylvania Family Center Network Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FABRIZIO called up **HR 266, PN 1256**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 2015 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. DEAN called up **HR 272, PN 1262**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2015, as "Landscape Architecture Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The SPEAKER. As noted by the clerk, HR 266 is included in today's uncontested calendar.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—197**

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Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Lewis	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Longietti	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roebuck
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Conklin	Hackett	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Costa, D.	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
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Davidson	Heffley	Mustio	Toepel
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Dawkins	Hennessey	Neuman	Topper
Day	Hickernell	O'Brien	Truitt
Dean	Hill	O'Neill	Vereb
Deasy	Irvin	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	James	Ortitay	Ward
Delozier	Jozwiak	Parker, C.	Warner
DeLuca	Kampf	Parker, D.	Waters
Dermody	Kaufner	Pashinski	Watson
Diamond	Kauffman	Payne	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Peifer	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Petri	White
Dunbar	Keller, W.	Pickett	Youngblood
Dush	Killion	Pyle	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kim	Quigley	
Emrick	Kinsey	Quinn	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Rader	Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Grell	Sturla	Thomas
Cruz	Kirkland		

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

### STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey is recognized to speak on HR 155.

Representative Kinsey.

He is being joined by Representative Dan Truitt.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my sincere pleasure to stand here with Representative Truitt as we host members of West Chester University's student body and faculty, who through exemplary community service accomplishments have been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Last year West Chester University students logged more than 600,000 hours of community service, thanks in part to courses integrated into community service and learning curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, not only is it great work, it is great learning. Civic engagement is a win-win. The opportunity it opens up for young students to learn about their community is an advantage that helps to build character. It exposes college students to an additional networking path, and ultimately instills new experience and better perspective into a growing professional. The community, of course, wins as well, and the benefits of a truly synergized community and school make the learning environment and the social network cohesive, strong, and diverse.

This acknowledgement could not be more deserved. I want to thank the students at West Chester University and the faculty at West Chester University for their commitment to civic excellence and making this alumnus proud today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Kinsey.

Representative Truitt.

Mr. TRUITT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to add to Representative Kinsey's comments that not only is West Chester University in my district, and not only was I a student at West Chester University, and not only is my entire district office staff former West Chester University students, but a few years ago the Friars' Society at West Chester University made me an honorary member. So I have had an opportunity to witness firsthand and even participate in some of their service projects.

And on behalf of myself, my family, and the residents of the 156th District, I would like to thank the students who are here today and the organizations that they represent for all the great things that they have done for the citizens of the greater West Chester area. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I know you guys are going to do us proud and keep doing this year after year after year, because you are doing a great job.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Milne.

Mr. MILNE. As a legislator who has had a now 20-year position as a faculty member of the Political Science Department at West Chester University, I certainly would like to add my word of welcome to my colleagues and students from West Chester and a hearty word of congratulations for all the accomplishments that have been done not just this year, but for the past several years. It brings great credit to the university. It really reflects our interest in stewardship of the local area and trying to contribute in meaningful ways to the local area.

I am very, very proud of how much the students have done for our local area in terms of service, volunteer work, and really reflecting well on all the student body and doing great, great works to try to make good town-gown relationships for the area. I think it is really a tribute to the university's culture that we emphasize so much civic engagement, service of the students doing something that is for a larger cause than just themselves and just their classes. They are taking a lot of very meaningful life lessons away from what they do.

So congratulations to all from West Chester University who have been part of these efforts over the years. Let us keep up the great work. You are making the university look proud, not just in Chester County but across the Commonwealth.

Thanks to everybody involved.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, gentlemen.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, Representative Cutler, has indicated that Representative Harry LEWIS will be marked on leave for the day. The leave is granted.

### STATEMENT BY MR. CUTLER

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler is recognized to speak on HR 214. The floor is yours, sir.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, very briefly, I just want to thank my colleagues for their unanimous adoption of the resolution making May ALS Awareness Month. And many of you have made time in your busy schedules on behalf of the patients who are here visiting you, and I greatly appreciate that. Many of you might remember that, as I have shared previously, both of my parents had Lou Gehrig's disease, and it was without a doubt a very influential disease process on not just my sister and me, but all of our family. And the fact that these folks will come up and work to advocate on behalf of their disease and the recognition and the hardships associated with it, I personally know what an endeavor it is for them to get here, as well as what an endeavor it is for you to make room in your schedules for them. I just wanted to personally thank you for coming and sharing time with them. I know many of them are residents of your districts, and for you to open and be so willing to talk about their issues one-on-one, to me it is as if you are opening up your office, your time, and your hearts for me, and I just wanted to personally thank you for that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

**STATEMENTS BY MS. QUINN**

The SPEAKER. Representative Marguerite Quinn is recognized to speak on HR 105, and that will be followed by some remarks with respect to HR 254.

Ms. QUINN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Colleagues, I appreciate your interest as well as your attention as I speak about HR 105, which honors the BAYADA Home Health Care for their 40 years of professional in-home service. Since their inception 40 years ago – and I will say, they were founded in Philadelphia – BAYADA Home Health Care provides skilled rehabilitative, therapeutic personal home health-care services for Pennsylvanians of all ages. Their services cover a wide spectrum, the entire spectrum of care, from home palliative care to pediatric rehabilitative nursing. BAYADA nurses care for their clients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, holidays included. They have helped so many of our constituents and their families live a better life. BAYADA employs almost 11,000 caregivers and serves over 26,000 clients in the Commonwealth; nationwide that number is 38,000 with 115,000 clients. They certainly deliver such a valuable service.

Their success is due in no small part to BAYADA'S dedication to its people, its high emphasis on its client, and its recognition that its employees are its greatest asset and they are dedicated to working together. You will see, colleagues, a lot of people dressed in red throughout the Capitol. Many of them are BAYADA employees and they are coming to share their pride for their work and help educate us to what they do. And I wish Representative Sid Kavulich was still in. I would have certainly invited him to stand next to me in his red jacket today.

Please join me in honoring BAYADA Home Health Care service for their outstanding dedication and 40 years of service to our constituents and the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. On HR 254.

Ms. QUINN. Yes, HR 254. And I promise I will not be speaking tomorrow.

Pennsylvania is fortunate to have more than 90 independent nonprofit colleges and universities that serve 41 percent of the total students enrolled in the Commonwealth – 41 percent. These institutions provide 49 percent of all the degrees in Pennsylvania and employ over 75,000 people on their campuses. They strengthen families and communities, and they encourage civic activity through strong international and national programs. Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities serve more than 58,910 low-income students and educate more working adults than public 4-year universities.

Please join me in expressing congratulations and appreciation for our nonprofit colleges and universities by supporting HR 254, designating today as "Independent College and University Day." And I want to thank you for the warm reception you have been giving to the students who have been coming to visit you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Representative Quinn.

**STATEMENT BY MR. HENNESSEY**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Tim Hennessey is recognized to speak on HR 185.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank all of my colleagues for your support of HR 185, recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in our Commonwealth. Since 1963 the month of May has been recognized nationally as "Older Americans Month," a time to acknowledge the contributions by our past and current older persons to our country, and especially to those who defended our country and thereby served us all.

Every President since John F. Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation asking that our entire nation respect and honor older Pennsylvanians in their communities. As chairman of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, I encourage every citizen of our Commonwealth to take time, any time, all the time, but whenever the opportunity arises to honor our older Pennsylvanians and to thank those professionals and family members and volunteers who care for them each and every day, some of them who need it each and every day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Hennessey.

**STATEMENT BY MR. MARSHALL**

The SPEAKER. Representative Jim Marshall is recognized to speak on HR 175.

Mr. MARSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues for their support on HR 175, which commemorates the 175th anniversary of Zelenople Borough.

Since its incorporation as a borough in 1840, Zelenople, or "Zelie" as it is known to locals, has contributed significantly to the culture and economic development of Butler County, and by extension, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Please join me in congratulating Zelenople Borough on this momentous occasion, and visit the borough on May 26 through May 31 to join in their celebration.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Marshall.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,  
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 283, PN 282**

By Rep. O'NEILL

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax for education, further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax.

FINANCE.

**HB 421, PN 456**

By Rep. O'NEILL

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions.

FINANCE.

**HB 504, PN 561**

By Rep. O'NEILL

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax for education, further providing for sales and use tax for timbering.

FINANCE.

**HB 683, PN 798**

By Rep. O'NEILL

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for the definition of "income."

FINANCE.

**HB 971, PN 1227**

By Rep. O'NEILL

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

FINANCE.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

**HB 614, PN 686**

By Rep. O'NEILL

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for definitions.

Reported from Committee on FINANCE with request that it be rereferred to Committee on COMMERCE.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the bill will be so rereferred.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**HB 752, PN 888**

By Rep. O'NEILL

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

Reported from Committee on FINANCE with request that it be rereferred to Committee on EDUCATION.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the bill will be rereferred.

**UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. MENTZER called up **HR 282, PN 1317**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 26, 2015, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Acosta	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Kirkland	Sturla	

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

**STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Metcalfe is recognized for an announcement with respect to the State Government Committee.

Chairman Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the House State Government Committee will reconvene the meeting that we had started this morning at the

break in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building. So it is G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to continue where we left off with the meeting that we started this morning. We are going to be reconvening the House State Government Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The State Government Committee will reconvene their meeting in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building at the break.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Representative Adolph, is called upon with respect to Appropriations.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting immediately following the Rules Committee. So there is going to be a Rules Committee meeting, and Leader Dave Reed is going to announce that, and then we are going to have a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee immediately following that in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER. There will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room immediately following the Rules Committee meeting.

### RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Representative Dave Reed.

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

There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 12:45 in the Appropriations conference room. That is room 245, Main Capitol. So the Rules Committee meeting will be at 12:45 in the Appropriations conference room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Leader.

There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 12:45 in the Appropriations conference room.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The majority caucus chair, Representative Sandra Major, is called for an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 1:15. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 1:15. We would be prepared to come back on the floor at 3 p.m.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Goodman is called with respect to an announcement.

Mr. GOODMAN. Mr. Speaker, Democrats will also caucus at 1:15 and return to the floor at 3.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 3 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Thank you.

### RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:15 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

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

**HB 384, PN 421**

By Rep. METCALFE

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HB 92, PN 82**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for definitions and for civil penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 299, PN 1185**

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 329, PN 1195**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 22 in Mifflin County as the Corporal John S. Valent Memorial Highway.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 363, PN 1196**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a portion of Davisville Road in Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, from State Route 611, also known as York Road, to Terwood Road as the PFC Robert S. Alexander Memorial Highway.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 665, PN 1187**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Titles 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for short form certificates, for implementation of power of attorney and for durable powers of attorney.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 735, PN 869**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 147 over the Wiconisco Creek, Millersburg Borough, Dauphin County, as the Private Warren Snyder Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 874, PN 1069**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offenses of harassment, stalking and threat to use weapons of mass destruction.

APPROPRIATIONS.

### BILLS ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HB 152, PN 1181**

By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for the payment of death benefits and for definitions.

RULES.

**HB 178, PN 1213**

By Rep. REED

An Act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

RULES.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, Bryan Cutler, asks that Representative VEREB be put on leave for the day. That leave will be granted. The majority whip, Bryan Cutler, has also

asked that Representative Mike PEIFER be put on leave. That leave will be granted.

The House will stand at ease.

The House will come to order. Members, we are back in session and no longer at ease.

### CALENDAR CONTINUED

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 263, PN 267**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

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 455, PN 503**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for unlawful activities.

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 857, PN 1046**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in children's health care, further providing for expiration.

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 516, PN 1053**, entitled:

An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; providing for the issuance of licenses and the suspension and revocation of licenses; and providing for penalties.

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 475, PN 1197**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 22/322 in Juniata County as the Honorable Daniel F. Clark Memorial Highway.

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 629, PN 729**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3005 over the outlet of Lily Lake, Conyngham Township, Luzerne County, as the Senior Officer Eric J. Williams Memorial Bridge.

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 696, PN 810**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2014 (P.L.790, No.77), entitled "An act designating the 700 to 800 block of U.S. Route 13, also known as the Chester Pike, in Prospect Park Borough, Delaware County, as the Officers Luke Arlington Conner and John Horace Callaghan Memorial Highway," further providing for the Officers Luke Arlington Conner and John Horace Callaghan Memorial Highway.

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 92, PN 82**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for definitions and for civil penalties.

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—194

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—9

Acosta	Kirkland	Peifer	Thomas
Cruz	Lewis	Sturla	Vereb
Grell			

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 329, PN 1195**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 22 in Mifflin County as the Corporal John S. Valent Memorial Highway.

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?

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Delozier	James	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Jozwiak	Parker, C.	Waters
Dermody	Kampf	Parker, D.	Watson
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DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Payne	Wheatley
Donatucci	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, F.	Petri	White
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Youngblood
Dush	Keller, W.	Pyle	Zimmerman
Ellis	Killion	Quigley	
Emrick	Kim	Quinn	Turzai,
English	Kinsey	Rader	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—9

Acosta	Kirkland	Peifer	Thomas
Cruz	Lewis	Sturla	Vereb
Grell			

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 363, PN 1196**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Davisville Road in Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, from State Route 611, also known as York Road, to Terwood Road as the PFC Robert S. Alexander Memorial Highway.

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.

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Carroll	Gingrich	McCarter	Saylor
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NAYS-0

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EXCUSED-9

Acosta	Kirkland	Peifer	Thomas
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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.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 735, PN 869**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 147 over the Wiconisco Creek, Millersburg Borough, Dauphin County, as the Private Warren Snyder Memorial Bridge.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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

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

## STATEMENT BY MS. HELM

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, I would like to give our attention to Representative Helm. Representative Helm, the floor is yours.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of HB 735, which would rename a bridge in Dauphin County in the memory of a local war hero. Pvt. Warren Snyder of Millersburg was reported killed in action during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest on December 19, 1944, at the age of 38. He had been reported missing 12 days earlier.

Actually, that was the name given to a series of bloody battles near the German-Belgian border between September 19, 1944, and February 10, 1945, making it the longest battle on German soil during World War II and the longest ever fought in the history of the United States military. It was costly, too, with at least 33,000 American casualties. The Germans suffered 28,000 casualties.

The Hurtgen Forest was a wooded area, 50 square miles wide, that provided another possible corridor for the Allied push into Germany. According to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, the enemy had all the advantages, and the attacking Americans had to depend almost exclusively upon infantry weapons because of the thickness of the forest.

Many historians argue that the lives lost there were in vain because the area was of little strategic value. The Battle of Hurtgen Forest was overshadowed by the American victory in the Battle of the Bulge.

The SPEAKER. The lady may proceed.

Ms. HELM. Thank you.

This battle took place a few miles to the south, and as a result, little has been written about it.

Private Snyder was a truck driver before he entered the Army in May 1944. He received his basic infantry training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and was then transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland, following a furlough with his family in Millersburg.

Private Snyder had volunteered for foreign duty and was assigned to Company G of the 121st Infantry. He was sent overseas in early November 1944. The last Private Snyder was heard from was November 30 in a letter to his wife, Margaret. He was reported missing in battle a week later. Private Snyder was survived by his wife and two daughters, Lois and Janet, along with his parents and four sisters. He is buried in the David's Reformed Cemetery in Killinger, Dauphin County.

HB 735 would designate the bridge that carries State Route 147 over the Wiconisco Creek in Millersburg as the "Private Warren Snyder Memorial Bridge." It is not far from the Snyder family home.

Mr. Speaker, by renaming the bridge, we will forever be reminded of the ultimate sacrifice Private Snyder courageously made for his country during one of World War II's bloodiest battles.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks again to my colleagues for your support.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Helm.

## BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 299, PN 1185**, entitled:

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

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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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 665, PN 1187**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for short form certificates, for implementation of power of attorney and for durable powers of attorney.

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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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.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS  
BY MR. HACKETT**

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time I would like everybody to please take their seats. I would like you to please, if you do not mind, just hold off on the conversations. We are going to be inviting one of our colleagues, Representative Joe Hackett, to come up to the podium.

I know at this time of the year it is not often that we have to say goodbye to one of our colleagues, but Representative Hackett, his last day will be April 30. He is going on to another important challenge in his life, and he has served us ably and served the citizens of his district quite ably.

I want to turn it over to Representative Hackett. It means an awful lot to have you here, Joe. Please come up and join me.

Mr. HACKETT. Thank you, and good afternoon.

Speaker Turzai, Leaders Reed and Dermody, fellow colleagues, family and friends, you know, only a few short years ago my youngest brother, Jim, sent me an e-mail stating that "today the Lord will open new doors for you." I deleted that e-mail, like many of you would have, but within 4 hours of receiving that e-mail, I found myself with two old-time brothers in blue, atop the Walt Whitman Bridge crossing the Delaware River, en route to purchase a large piece of Italian marble, which would be proudly displayed at the Delaware County Law Enforcement Memorial site.

It was at that moment that my cell phone rang, a call from a well-respected district party leader. After a few pleasantries came the question: "Joseph, how would you like to be our State Representative?" The answer: "Sir, I am sorry, but I think you have the wrong number."

And so the journey began. A tough loss in '08, a victory in '10, a victory in '12, and a victory in '14, all of which would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from local leaders, committee people, donors, volunteers, and my friend and manager, Matt Illich. I thank you.

Through those years I have been blessed with the support from my family: my wife, Maureen, Joe, Jr., and Shawn. I thank you. I think it is okay if you want to stand. The Speaker would allow that, right, Mike?

My guidance was directed by my brother, Steve, and my friends, whom I like to call my brothers, Mike Maddren, Jim Reif, and Jerry Scanlan. For that, I thank them.

I have also been carried by the hardest working staff in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Kevin, Mary Ann, Amy, Denise, Kelly, Michele, Lauren, Josh, Barbara, Dave, Heather, Matt, and James. I thank all of you. Okay; calm down, Mr. Reddecliff. They all were not on my payroll at the same time.

I have to admit, prior to 2010 I was a little critical of elected officials, but if there is one thing that I have learned by serving, it is that we should all walk a mile in that person's shoes before we develop an opinion.

To the knowledgeable, compassionate, and patient committee and Capitol staff, out front and behind the scenes, know that the smile on our faces should let you know that you are needed. I thank each and every one of you. To the chairman of this body, thank you for your leadership, understanding, and your friendship.

Now to the members of this House: as they say in showbiz, thanks for the memories. The Bunker Brigade, Casa de Massa, Bill's Dictionary, Harrisburg High – a Commonwealth as diverse as it gets, but friendships as strong as Pennsylvania steel.

To the residents of the 161st District, as I walk through yet another door, I thank you for hiring me as your messenger, and I look forward to serving you and the law enforcement community until the next door opens.

God bless this Commonwealth, and God bless these United States. Thank you.

## REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Joe.

To Maureen, Joe, Jr., and Shawn, thank you so much for sharing your loving husband and father with the citizens of the 161st and with all of our distinguished House colleagues. He has been a great friend and an outstanding legislator, and we will miss him greatly.

Let me tell you something briefly about Joe: principled, smart, pragmatic, could bring people together. There were so many issues in the 4 years that I served as majority leader where we would have first opinions, not only in the caucus but in the Capitol, and to bring Joe into those discussions and to bring his levelheaded, police background, commonsense approach, everybody just would rethink the issue. And, Joe, you have been a leader on just so many fronts. I know that law enforcement is near and dear to your heart, that you are returning to law enforcement in a very significant position. We wish you Godspeed. We wish your family Godspeed. Please know you are welcome here any time that you want to come back. Thank you.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The minority whip has indicated that Representative BOYLE will be on leave for the day. The leave is so granted.

## STATEMENT BY MR. ADOLPH

The SPEAKER. I would like to call on the Appropriations chair, William Adolph, for a few remarks on unanimous consent.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker.

I would be remiss if I did not come to the mike and say a couple words about what a great guy Joe Hackett is and was as a State Representative.

Joe really had common sense, and no matter what the issue was, you could go to Joe and he would give you a very commonsense answer that really made sense. And when he came up here, some difficult races, you know, I never thought he would be leaving before me.

I want to thank Maureen and his two sons for sacrificing their time. You know, we all, when we get up here, we do not realize how much time we spend away from home. And even when we are home, we are always out. We are not digging ditches. We are not climbing telephone poles or anything, but we are away from our families. We are going to Lions Club meetings. We are going to chamber meetings, town meetings, editorial boards, and it all adds up. So, Maureen, Shawn, Joe, Jr., thank you for sacrificing your time.

Joe, in your short period of time here, you really helped Chairman DiGirolamo put together an outstanding bill. Your knowledge of the fight against drug addiction and how we can help save lives is now working in Pennsylvania. It has worked in Delaware County and saved lives already in Delaware County, and I know the Governor now is implementing your idea, your amendment, to the State Police force. In just a short period of time, that is something to be proud of.

We are proud of you in your new job. I want to wish you luck. I know that the residents of Delaware County will be proud to have Joe Hackett back wearing a badge back in Delaware County. So thanks for everything, Joe, and best of luck to you. Thank you.

## SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B CONTINUED

### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 874, PN 1069**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offenses of harassment, stalking and threat to use weapons of mass destruction.

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.

Mr. VITALI. I just wanted a brief explanation of the bill. I want to make sure everyone takes an informed vote on this issue, regardless of your position, so if we could just have a brief explanation of the bill, that would be appreciated.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Marsico has agreed to essentially an interrogation.

Mr. MARSICO. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some of you remember that this bill last session was passed by this House. The Judiciary Committee had a legislative hearing on this bill, and it went over to the Senate and almost got passed over there. But we brought it up again in the committee, and it is here before us today.

What this bill does is amends the crimes of harassment, stalking, and threats to use the weapons of mass destruction, to remove special exemptions for a party engaged in an organized labor dispute. So what that means is that those labor unions in dispute, with a party dispute, right now those crimes, they would happen to permit or each would obtain an exception, "...[conduct by a party to a labor dispute as defined in the]..."Labor Anti-Injunction Act, or to any] constitutionally protected activity."

For the crimes of harassment and stalking, the bill repeals the exemption for "...a party to a labor dispute as defined in..." that "...Labor Anti-Injunction Act..." but keeps the exemption for "constitutionally protected activity." The bill was passed, like I said, last session, and there are no amendments, as we know. What this bill does also is – right now the crimes of harassment and stalking would allow many unions that represent their members effectively, which is fine, but those that have committed crimes of harassment and intimidation would be exempt from criminal prosecution.

So this bill actually does protect both labor and management from criminal activities, protects workers from abusive management, as surely as it would protect those threatened by bad apple union members. So it also helps law enforcement because it makes their jobs easier.

So that is a description of the bill. Once again, in my opinion, no one or unions or anyone should be exempt from crimes of harassment and intimidation.

The SPEAKER. The minority whip, Mike Hanna, from Clinton County.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition of HB 874. In 1993 there was a bipartisan effort to protect both labor and management from facing criminal charges for activity that is specifically recognized and permitted under Federal law during labor disputes. HB 874 would reverse that bipartisan effort by repealing that section of Pennsylvania law.

Further, I believe the 1993 law was written in a manner that ensures Pennsylvania law does not infringe on activities engaged upon during labor disputes that are specifically protected by Federal law. Mr. Speaker, the maker of this bill claims there are loopholes or shortcomings in Pennsylvania's current labor laws; however, he could not be more wrong.

Current law does not provide protection to any organization or individuals that engage in activity that is illegal. Current law already strikes a careful balance between protecting legal activity by both workers and employers during a labor dispute and provides the ability to protect people and property by prosecuting criminal activity. Current law does not give unions carte blanche to undertake illegal activity. When unions or any individual perform illegal actions, they are always subject to arrest and prosecution. The only protection union activity receives is activity that is already considered constitutional, such as picketing. If a union or a union member goes beyond the bounds of what is protected, there are laws already in place to address that behavior.

Many are referencing the recent Federal grand jury presentment that indicted 10 members of the Ironworkers Local 401 in Philadelphia for acts of arson, assault, and racketeering against nonunion contractors and property owners. But all of these crimes are addressed in current Pennsylvania law. The ironworkers were arrested and prosecuted for their illegal acts – acts that were not protected. The ironworkers' case has nothing to do with this bill.

The bill intends to make it harder for workers to use legal methods of action under Federal law to organize and advocate on behalf of workers. This bill does not make current law more clear. In fact, this bill makes ambiguous what is permissible and impermissible union activity. In addition, this bill will also introduce new responsibilities and expenses for local police departments, district attorneys, and communities. Not only would this bill force law enforcement to investigate and respond to picket lines and other union activity, they will likely remain at these lines longer, which in turn will sacrifice police protection for the rest of the community. This is simply a political diversion that will not come without cost to our workers and our local communities. That approach is wrong, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 874 is aimed at undermining the ability of workers to advocate for their rights, and for that reason I ask my colleagues to oppose this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that Representative Peifer should be marked back on the master roll.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that the gentledady, Representative HARPER, has requested a leave of absence for the rest of the day. That leave of absence will be granted.

### CONSIDERATION OF HB 874 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes Chairman DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is an old saying about this is an issue, a solution, that is looking for a problem. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 874, and there are a number of reasons that I am in opposition to HB 874, Mr. Speaker.

As was already mentioned, HB 874 would repeal the section of Pennsylvania law that was passed in 1993, and I might mention in a bipartisan way, and the sponsor of the bill was a Republican. In 1993 it protected both labor and management from facing criminal charges for activity that is specifically recognized and permitted under Federal law during labor disputes.

The bill's only purpose, as I see it, is to make it harder for workers to use methods that are legal under Federal law to organize and advocate on behalf of workers. Current law already strikes a careful balance. I am going to say that again: Current law already strikes a careful balance. And again, it was also mentioned, everybody points to the incident in Philadelphia with the steelworkers, but I think in my mind what happened to the steelworkers and the penalties that they received long-term in Federal prison – most of them 5 years but in some instances over 10 years – proves that the laws that we have in place already work.

And who are the people, Mr. Speaker, that are going to be hurt and penalized if this law is passed? In most instances, they are in the building trades and construction trades that live in every one of our districts. They are our constituents. They are hardworking men and women who live in our district. They are electricians. They are plumbers. They are painters. They are operating engineers. They are sheet metal workers.

They are not only hardworking Pennsylvanians, Mr. Speaker, but from my perspective, what I see in my district, what I see in Bucks County and what I see across southeastern Pennsylvania, they are men and women that put back into their communities each and every day. They volunteer. They work at our athletic associations. They belong to groups and organizations in the community.

I will tell you what, Mr. Speaker, when I call on the building trades to help out with a project, they always come through, whether it is renovating an old house and turning an old farmhouse into a Gilda's Club, whether it is working on a playground, free of charge, the labor free of charge, working on a playground so disabled children can play in a safe environment, whether it is putting a handicap accessible platform on the front of a house for a senior citizen, every time

I call upon our building trades and our construction trades, they come out, provide the labor for free, and not only that, Mr. Speaker, but their help with the purchase of the material to make the project work.

Why, Mr. Speaker? I want to pose a question. Why would we single out these individuals? It makes no sense, Mr. Speaker. Present law, current law already works.

Mr. Speaker, and again, I am just going to close with this. I believe what we have in place already, what we passed in 1993 in a bipartisan manner, strikes a balance. The current law strikes this balance between prosecuting criminals and dangerous activity and promoting the rights that must be preserved for working people across the State of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker. They are our constituents that are going to be hurt by this bill, Mr. Speaker.

I think it is unnecessary, and I think it is a solution looking for a problem. I ask for a "no" vote on HB 874. 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:

#### YEAS—109

Adolph	Greiner	Marshall	Roae
Baker	Grove	Marsico	Ross
Barrar	Hackett	Masser	Saccone
Benninghoff	Hahn	McGinnis	Sankey
Bloom	Harhart	Mentzer	Santora
Boback	Harris, A.	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brown, R.	Heffley	Metzgar	Schemel
Causer	Helm	Millard	Simmons
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Staats
Cox	Hill	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Irvin	Mustio	Tallman
Cutler	James	Nesbit	Tobash
Day	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toepel
Delozier	Kampf	Ortitay	Toohil
Diamond	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Topper
Dunbar	Kauffman	Payne	Truitt
Dush	Keller, F.	Peifer	Vitali
Ellis	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Ward
Emrick	Killion	Pickett	Warner
English	Klunk	Pyle	Watson
Evankovich	Knowles	Quigley	Wentling
Everett	Krieger	Quinn	Wheeland
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Gabler	Mackenzie	Rapp	
Gillen	Maher	Reed	Turzai,
Gillespie	Major	Reese	Speaker
Gingrich	Maloney	Regan	

#### NAYS—84

Barbin	DeLissio	Harkins	Parker, C.
Bishop	DeLuca	Harris, J.	Pashinski
Bizzarro	Dermody	Kavulich	Petrarca
Bradford	DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Ravenstahl
Briggs	Donatucci	Kim	Readshaw
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kinsey	Roebuck
Brownlee	Evans	Kortz	Rozzi
Burns	Fabrizio	Kotik	Sabatina
Caltagirone	Farina	Longietti	Sainato
Carroll	Farry	Mahoney	Samuelson
Cohen	Flynn	Markosek	Santarsiero
Conklin	Frankel	Matzie	Schlossberg

Costa, D.	Freeman	McCarter	Schreiber
Costa, P.	Gainey	McNeill	Schweyer
Daley, M.	Galloway	Miccarelli	Sims
Daley, P.	Gergely	Miller, D.	Snyder
Davidson	Gibbons	Mullery	Taylor
Davis	Godshall	Murt	Waters
Dawkins	Goodman	Neuman	Wheatley
Dean	Hanna	O'Brien	White
Deasy	Harhai	O'Neill	Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Harper	Sturla	Vereb
Cruz	Kirkland		

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.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Chairman Marsico, on unanimous consent.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to submit remarks for the record, and I appreciate the votes from members, a positive vote. Thank you.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill simply removes the loophole that currently allows a person who criminally harasses another person or who purposely stalks another person to escape prosecution – just as long as they are a party to a labor dispute.

The current law is crystal clear: So long as there is an ongoing labor dispute, none of the parties to that dispute can be held criminally liable for stalking or harassment. That is how the law reads, and it is how the law has been applied.

Mr. Speaker, to me this is a public safety issue, not a labor issue. I think very few union members would ever be affected by this bill if it passes into law. That is because the labor community in Pennsylvania includes many unions that represent their members effectively, honorably, and peacefully.

And while it may be true that only the few actually engage in criminal intimidation, that fact hardly suggests that this legislation is unnecessary. A loophole is not made okay by the fact that it only applies to the worst actors.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that labor disputes can have a tendency to get a little heated. There is nothing illegal about impoliteness, but when impoliteness escalates into threats of violence or when confrontations become stalking, that is a sign that it has gone too far.

I have great confidence in our law enforcement professionals to step in when they see a law being broken. I have the utmost belief that these good men and women will work to protect the peace and enforce the law.

Mr. Speaker, but here is the problem: Under the current law, there is not a law being broken. Stalking, harassment, threats of violence are no joke, and it is simply not in the interest of public safety to tolerate these behaviors in any situation.

I ask you to join me and vote "yes" for this bill.

### LETTER SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. MARSICO submitted a letter for the Legislative Journal.

(For letter, see Appendix.)

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Gary Day on unanimous consent.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to submit comments for the record on HB 874.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support HB 874 for these simple reasons: coercion and intimidation.

It is only reasonable to believe that when someone is threatened or harassed, that the person behind those attacks should be held accountable and should be responsible for his own actions. There should be no exceptions.

In fact, over my time as an elected official, I have found that the best way for someone to be held accountable and to face responsibility is from their very own industry and coworkers. For the industry, profession, or occupation to welcome standards, to welcome regulation, and to welcome integrity is a step in the right direction.

And that is what we are doing here today – making sure that those who engage in the collective-bargaining process are held to the same standards as everyone else.

Mr. Speaker, I think that the collective-bargaining process has resulted in positive changes over the last century. This process has advanced the Pennsylvania worker in terms of safety, pride, value, and living standard.

Existing laws attempt to make the bargaining process a balanced symmetrical negotiation – to ensure fairness across the board. If there is a perception that there is an asymmetrical power situation demonstrated by one party exerting influence over another by unfair means, then it gives the appearance of an unfair condition.

Today's debate should send one clear message: coercion and intimidation have no place in today's modern labor negotiations, as such tactics weaken the labor position. Contracts agreed to under duress are invalid for a reason. Coercion and intimidation weakens labor. It creates a public perception that labor unions and members have received compensation and benefits in an unfair manner, requiring State law to rebalance to make it a more fair, symmetrical negotiation.

Mr. Speaker, the good people who make up Pennsylvania's labor membership should stand up and say, "We don't need to harass and intimidate people. Those days are over." Union membership should stand up and say, "I believe that collective bargaining is valuable and viable without intimidation." Union membership should stand up and say, "Collective bargaining is a valuable part of the employment agreement, and I do not condone coercion nor placing anyone under duress to capitulate them to agree with me."

Mr. Speaker, HB 874 is not about taking away the collective-bargaining process or weakening their voice. It is about strengthening their voices without intimidation.

Thank you.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Kurt MASSER has requested leave, and Representative Joe HACKETT has requested leave. Those leaves of absence are granted.

## CALENDAR CONTINUED

### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 934, PN 1237**, entitled:

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

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

Mr. **CHRISTIANA** offered the following amendment No. **A00767**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after "assist" eligible

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "college" or university

Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "a" and inserting an approved

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "a six-month extension" and inserting extensions for six-month periods

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "shall" and inserting is authorized to

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2 (f) The department shall implement this section in conformity with Federal law.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Christiana.

Mr. Christiana, the floor is yours.

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is technical in nature and will just provide consistency throughout the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative DeLissio of Philadelphia County.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the maker of the amendment answer a couple of brief questions, please?

The SPEAKER. Yes. The gentleman from Beaver County, Representative Christiana, has indicated he will stand for interrogation.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I see that this amendment cleans up some language and says six-month extensions, "extensions" being plural. I am just curious as to, is the intent to limit those number of extensions, or is that decided on a case-by-case basis?

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Mr. Speaker, that would be decided on a case-by-case basis – if the student meets the requirements of the 2.0 grade point average, is showing progress towards a

completion of their degree, and is enrolled in a high-priority occupation degree.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Because the concern is, with every extension we grant, someone is using funding that could be used for somebody else. But if somebody is that close to completing it, we would want them to be able to do that, so I appreciate the clarification.

On the other question, again, another point of clarification. The funding stream, the way the wording is written, I want to ensure that the State will not be on the hook for the funding stream and that it is as the funds are available. And if I am not making that clear, I will try to clear that up a little bit more.

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Mr. Speaker, I believe that this amendment is clarifying some language. I believe the gentelady's concerns would probably be best on final passage, and it does not necessarily have to do with this amendment.

Ms. DeLISSIO. With this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLissio, any further questions? Okay. Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

### YEAS—190

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

Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Keller, W.	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Killion	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kim	Quinn	
Emrick	Kinsey	Rader	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker

## NAYS-1

Krieger

## NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-12

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Boyle	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	Masser	Vereb

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?

Mr. **KAUFER** offered the following amendment No. **A00693**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by inserting after "colleges"  
, a career or technical school registered with the Department of Education

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "college"  
or school

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Kaufer.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is just to clarify that career and technical schools will also be included as part of the continuing education with this program, that we can allow that to be part of this program.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-191

Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Longiotti	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Sabatina
Briggs	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone

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

## NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-12

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Boyle	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	Masser	Vereb

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **KAUFER** offered the following amendment No. **A00694**:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 5 and 6  
(b.1) A KEYS recipient shall complete a job skills assessment test, including, but not limited to, the ACT WorkKeys test through CareerLink, and be enrolled in a certificate or degree program based on the results of that test.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. It is my understanding, Representative Kaufer, that you are withdrawing that amendment? Amendment 694 will be withdrawn.

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON CONCURRENCE  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 152, PN 1181**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for the payment of death benefits and for definitions.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, Mr. Tallman, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Tallman, Representative Tallman, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mr. TALLMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What the Senate has done is extended the filing period to 4 years. Thank you.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Longietti	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Sabatina
Briggs	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Brown, R.	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brownlee	Gibbons	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Gillen	McCarter	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Gillespie	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Gingrich	McNeill	Saylor
Causar	Godshall	Mentzer	Schemel

Christiana	Goodman	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Cohen	Greiner	Metzgar	Schreiber
Conklin	Grove	Miccarelli	Schweyer
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Simmons
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sims
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Snyder
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Cutler	Harris, A.	Mullery	Stephens
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Murt	Tallman
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Helm	Nesbit	Tobash
Davis	Hennessey	Neuman	Toepel
Dawkins	Hickernell	O'Brien	Toohil
Day	Hill	O'Neill	Topper
Dean	Irvin	Oberlander	Truitt
Deasy	James	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Parker, C.	Ward
Delozier	Kampf	Parker, D.	Warner
DeLuca	Kaufert	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kauffman	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Kavulich	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	
Emrick	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
English	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Boyle	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	Masser	Vereb

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, Representative Tallman.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

**HB 152, PN 1181**

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for the payment of death benefits and for definitions.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 911, PN 1216**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emergency telephone service.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we have quite a few amendments with respect to this bill on second consideration.

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

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment No. **A00653**:

- Amend Bill, page 22, line 25, by striking out "] and the"
- Amend Bill, page 22, line 26, by striking out the bracket before "and"
- Amend Bill, page 22, line 26, by inserting after "commission]" and the board

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to technical amendment, which basically just changes the word in the bill from "council" to the word "board." This board replaces the council in the bill, and this amendment corrects a drafting error.

I would ask for a "yes" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Longiotti	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
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Brownlee	Gibbons	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Gillen	McCarter	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Gillespie	McGinnis	Santora

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Boyle	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	Masser	Vereb

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?

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment No. **A00704**:

Amend Bill, page 41, line 30; page 42, lines 1 through 5; by striking out "Neither" in line 30 on page 41 and all of lines 1 through 5 on page 42

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

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

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment. This amendment amends the bill by removing language under section 5307 relating to postpaid subscriber payments of the surcharge

for multiline telephone systems. Removal of the current proposed language eliminates the concern that providers cannot be held liable for any past unremitted charges within the statute of limitations if wrongdoing has occurred.

I would ask the members for a "yes" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—191

Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Longietti	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Sabatina
Briggs	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Brown, R.	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brownlee	Gibbons	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Gillen	McCarter	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Gillespie	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Gingrich	McNeill	Saylor
Causser	Godshall	Mentzer	Schemel
Christiana	Goodman	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Cohen	Greiner	Metzgar	Schreiber
Conklin	Grove	Miccarelli	Schweyer
Corbin	Hahn	Millard	Simmons
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sims
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Sonney
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Harris, A.	Mullery	Stephens
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

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

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment No. **A00705**:

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 18 and 19  
(11.1) To subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, examine witnesses, take such testimony and compel the production of such books, records, papers and documents as it may deem necessary or proper in and pertinent to any proceeding, investigation or hearing.

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

## AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
Mr. Speaker, I am going to pull this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Amendment 705 has been withdrawn.

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment No. **A00712**:

Amend Bill, page 18, line 6, by inserting after "establish"  
and publish annually  
Amend Bill, page 18, line 7, by inserting after "technology,"  
next generation 911 technology.  
Amend Bill, page 18, line 13, by inserting after "establish"  
and publish annually  
Amend Bill, page 18, line 14, by inserting after "chapter"  
, including next generation 911 technology

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

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

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 712 provides language which would establish a requirement under the bill to delineate what technologies are actually reimbursable by publishing annual lists. The problem with the bill, as has been detailed by some of the "no" votes in committee, was the fact that we are establishing, by the bill in its current form, an amount of an additional \$140 million with no concrete rules as to how the \$140 million will be expended. What this amendment does is to say that if we are going to have \$140 million more that is coming in from the fund, we should at least know how it is going to be distributed to each of the 89 PSAPs (public safety answering points) and in the counties that will be requesting the money.

Under pages 34 and 35 of the bill, it sets forth a formula, but the formula says it is a mathematical formula to be determined at a later date.

The interconnectivity portion of the bill says it is 12 percent for interconnectivity that will be decided at a later date, and there is 6 percent of the bill to be determined for an unknown 911 initiative at a later date. So what my amendment says, at least for those things that can be reimbursed, there ought to be a list, and the list ought to be provided annually so that before the county goes out and spends the money, they will know that it is either an approved technology or it is not.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the maker of the amendment for offering this amendment. The amendment is a good amendment, and it is agreed to. I would ask the members for a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

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

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

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

Mr. RAVENSTAHL offered the following amendment  
No. A00729:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by striking out "or" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by inserting after "system"  
or a PSAP

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

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

Mr. RAVENSTAHL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a technical amendment that has been agreed to. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. It is agreed to. Again, I would ask for a positive vote.

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

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **RAVENSTAHL** offered the following amendment No. **A00739**:

Amend Bill, page 35, line 15, by striking out "PSAP" and inserting

PSAPs

Amend Bill, page 35, line 16, by striking out "PSAP" and inserting

PSAPs

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Ravenstahl.

Mr. **RAVENSTAHL**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is also technical in nature and has been agreed to, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The **SPEAKER**. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. **BARRAR**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would ask the members for a positive vote on this.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. It was indicated earlier by Chairman Barrar that amendment 705 was to be withdrawn. It is my understanding, Representative Barrar, that you are going to offer amendment 705?

Mr. BARRAR. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARRAR** reoffered the following amendment No. **A00705**:

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 18 and 19  
(11.1) To subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, examine witnesses, take such testimony and compel the production of such books, records, papers and documents as it may deem necessary or proper in and pertinent to any proceeding, investigation or hearing.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I apologize for the confusion. There are over 50 amendments filed to this bill, and I got it mixed up with the wrong one.

Amendment 00705 adds additional powers and duties for PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency), which is to issue subpoenas and compel production of material for audits and revenues of providers and county PSAPs. PSAPs are the 911 call centers.

This is agreed to, and I would ask the members for a positive vote.

On the question recurring,

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment No. **A00611**:

Amend Bill, page 38, line 22, by striking out "\$1.65" and inserting \$1.50

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a series of amendments that I have offered in an attempt to try to get some explanation of why our charge, which used to be the second highest in the country, is now going to become by far the highest in the nation despite the fact that we are a State of 12 million in population. The \$1.50 charge was offered—

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

Members, if we can, let us give Representative Barbin the floor and our attention.

Representative Barbin, the floor is yours.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you.

The \$1.50 amount was an amount that was offered because it was not able to be offered at the committee, but we currently have a \$1 charge. This charge is going up 65 cents, and my constituents are asking me, why are we raising it 65 percent? When we went in and we did these hearings for the last two sessions, the testimony that was provided by the industry said 911 could have a safe and efficient system at \$1.25 charge, even if you accept the fact that it will be new technologies that will be required in the future that you will need to pay for, and for that reason we put in a higher number now so that we will have covered all of our costs. This particular charge would still come up with, according to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) estimates, \$300 million. Now, our current charge is approximately \$188 million. So we are going from \$188 million, if we take the \$1.50 charge we are going up to \$300 million.

Now, my main objection is that \$1.50 is an acceptable one if you are trying to pay for things that we have not yet included in our system, things like Skype, a voice smartphone that sends to the 911 center a picture of where the accident happens. If we were going to do that, maybe we would need \$1.50. I do not believe we need \$1.65, and as proof of that, Texas has 36 million people. We have got 12 million. They operate their system on \$213 million. This \$1.65 number brings us up to \$326 million, and we have not even required what technologies will be paid out or how those technologies or how the money will be paid out.

So I would have preferred that we brought the \$1.25 charge up first, but in no instance do I believe there has been any testimony in any of our public hearings that justifies \$1.65 charge, and for that reason I would like it lowered at least at a minimum to \$1.50.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar is recognized.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After 2 years of hearings on this bill, we have held seven hearings on this. We have had no less than at least three dozen stakeholder meetings with every group possible about this bill and the cost.

In this bill, we put incentives in here for consolidation to hold down the cost. Believe me, no one has been harder on the counties trying to force them to control costs going forward. A \$1.50 fee would be devastating to the counties. The counties have written to every one of us in this room here and they have asked for \$2, but we feel with the consolidation efforts that are currently in the bill, with the cost-saving measures, and incentivizing the sharing of technology, that we can bring this in at \$1.65. It was not just a number that we pulled out of the air and asked for. We did research on this.

And if we look today, every year the counties submit to PEMA what their ask is, how much money they need to operate their systems for allowable costs. Last year the allowable cost, the ask from the counties was \$292 million. This fee at \$1.50 generates – yeah, \$292 million – where at \$1.50 the fee would generate \$297 million, not nearly enough.

Going forward, one thing we know from all the hearings that we have held is the technology going forward is going to get very expensive. Plus, remember, we are not just talking about buying technology. Once you pay for that technology and install it, you have to train these 911 operators. It is a very expensive proposition going forward.

The Representative talked about fees, that our fee is the highest in the nation if we adopt this \$1.65. What he is not looking at is some States have a lower fee, but they also then allow their county to assess a fee. They also allow their local municipalities to assess a fee for 911. So it is truly, if you were to combine them, they are not spending, really, less money per PSAP than we are. It is just that we are doing it all under the State guidelines. In other States they are doing it differently. So you can never just say because that State does it this way; there is always something different in the bill.

I would ask the members to vote this amendment down. The \$1.65 is a good number. There have been very few people complaining about this, and the counties will be seriously impacted. I can guarantee you will hear from your county commissioners if you vote this down, but I would ask you for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barbin, for a second time.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If you want to know what this argument is about on 911, this is it right here. And the reason that the argument is being made is, we are raising the amount of money we are going to spend on the program without ever agreeing to do what we said we were going to do the last time we raised the fee. The last time we raised the fee we said that we are going to make sure this time that before we can start, go spending money on 89 separate PSAPs, and before the county comes back to ask us for more money, we are going to decide what that money is going to be used for and we are going to do it in a safe and efficient manner.

Maryland spends \$52 million. They are smaller. We spend \$191 million. The bottom line is this: The bottom line is, instead of doing it right, which would be, who is going to be on the board, what are we going to pay for, how are we going to divide up the money, before we do any of that, we are just going to increase the pot from \$191 million to \$326 million. That is wrong and we do it all the time. We did it with the charter schools. We started out spending a couple hundred million dollars, and some of the charter schools were good. We ended up now spending \$1 billion on charter schools, and most of them do not work. We are going to do the same thing here today if we decide to raise this fee to \$1.65 without putting in any safeguards that make sure that the money that goes out, goes out to the people that make the more efficient use of the 911 centers. This is a fact.

Philadelphia is one of the most efficient 911 centers in our State. Their cost of providing their equipment and their calls is roughly one-third of what it takes in the small to rural areas. A rural call costs us 88 cents a call. Philadelphia does it for a third. Philadelphia is not being incentivized under this bill to provide more efficiency, and neither is the small rural community being

incentivized to go and join with other call centers so they can do it more efficiently like Maryland does it.

Public hearing testimony told us that you can do it in a State geographically, topographically similar to Pennsylvania, and they can do it at a cost if you include 250,000 people as the minimum group for a consolidated PSAP. We are not doing that. We are just increasing the pot.

It is the wrong way to do the bill. It is not fair to the person who has to pay the bill. And the minimum that we should be doing is holding the line until we know what the actual cost of the next generation technology will be, not guessing that we need a bigger pot to pay for it.

### MOTION TO RECOMMIT

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to make a motion on this legislation and this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Sir, please state your motion.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I rise to move that this bill with the amendment and the other amendments be rereferred to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. The reason is, I know the gentleman from Johnstown and the gentleman from Delaware County are debating—

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

At this time we will put the motion on the board. You are moving to recommit the bill to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes; the bill with amendments to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

The SPEAKER. Members, in front of you is the motion to recommit the bill, being made by Representative Samuelson.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that motion, Representative Samuelson, do you want to speak?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Sir, you have the floor.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am listening to this debate on what should be the proper fee for the 911, and I know the gentleman from Delaware County said \$1.65, the gentleman from Cambria County said \$1.50. I know there are other amendments. There is an amendment that has a dramatic impact on the 911 systems in the Lehigh Valley – in Bethlehem and Allentown – and we are going to be debating that in a few minutes.

But I have to tell you, when I looked at this bill and I saw that this bill was released on April 13, and then I looked at the calendar, I realized that was only 8 days ago. And I know the committees had public hearings on the topic of 911 service. There has been input on the topic of 911, but when I looked if there has been a public hearing on this legislation that is before us today, the answer is no. This bill, there was a vote in committee last week, but the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee has not had hearings on this very important legislation. The bill came out at 4:30 in the afternoon 8 days ago – 8 days ago. We do not have a chance to address some of these concerns in committee, to invite stakeholders in to talk about this legislation.

I think a very wise move for this House would be to send this bill back to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee so that the issues that are before us can be addressed, so that the committee members can take a look at the various proposals – there are about 40 amendments – have the committee members review those proposals, have a debate and have a public hearing, bring the bill back to the House floor, and then we can vote on it on final passage.

So I urge a "yes" vote to refer this bill back to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for further review and for further work.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I call upon Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to vote against this motion here.

We are under a deadline to get this bill done by June 30 or we lose the authority to collect a 911 fee. We have had 2 years of hearings. We have had 2 years of stakeholder meetings. There have been 11 drafts of this bill. The 11th draft and the 12th draft that we had hearings, it was 7 weeks ago. The 12th draft was basically a reprint that probably was 99 1/2 percent correct of the current bill that we voted out of committee that is before you today. There is very little in there that has changed. And I just think it is an absurd motion to sit here and say that we should take it back to committee because we are having a dispute over what the fee is. That is what we do here. That is why we are on the floor here, to debate the bill.

I need you to vote this down. Let us continue on with this debate, and I would ask the members to vote "no" on this motion.

### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, on the recommittal motion.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have been on this committee for both sessions when we have had the public hearings. The bottom line is, the two things missing from this bill were missing 8 days ago and they are still missing now. There was never an opportunity at the committee to put in different numbers or to ask for the numbers that are being submitted in this bill to be justified. All we have are FCC estimates at each of the levels.

Now, the other thing that is missing from the bill that never came up at the committee was, what is the actual formula? Neither one of these things was allowed to be brought up at the committee, and I have been to all the public hearings. And somebody should be able to review for the public how we are going to spend the money and what the money is that is required to make a safe and efficient system. Everybody agrees that the system should be safe and efficient. The question is, how much money is necessary to do that and how should the money be distributed? We do not know under the current terms of this bill how the money is going to be distributed.

So I ask that the bill be recommitted so that at least the public has a chance to discuss as a public policy what the numbers should be and how the money should be spent.

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

Mr. SAINATO. Mr. Speaker, I urge the members not to recommit and vote against it. We need to move this process forward. This is something we have been working on for over 2 years. We have had hearings all around the State. We have debated this issue. We have come up with a figure and we need to move the process forward. The deadline is June 30. That is what we are talking about is public safety here. So in order to make this process move smoother, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on recommitment.

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

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be very brief. I find some irony; in fact, I just got off the phone with one of my minority commissioners in Centre County who called to ask me to enthusiastically support this. He has watched the process. In that same phone call, he complimented Chairman Barrar and the ability of this committee to work in a bipartisan manner on a subject that affects all Pennsylvanians regardless of party or whether you are even registered to vote. He said the time has come. He had attended one of the hearings. Our EMA director at that time had testified and felt that this was a great compromise.

We are in the business of compromising and getting things done in this State, and I would ask the members, both Republicans and Democrats, to stand with the voice of our county commissioner in the minority party that says, get the bill done and vote it through and vote it through today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, for the second time on his motion for recommitment.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What I am asking for is that this bill be rereferred to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee so that important issues can be worked out and the bill can be brought to the House floor for a vote in the near future on the substance of what is before us.

Now, you have to take a look at all the amendments we are considering today. There are, I think, 52 or 53 amendments. There are amendments over what the fees should be. There are amendments on who should sit on the task force. There is an amendment about whether we should have more specificity about how the funds are distributed. There is an amendment that would directly impact the 911 systems in Bethlehem and Allentown, which could be shut down if the bill goes forward without amendment. The language in this bill is divergent from past 911 bills for the last 27 years with regards to the 911 systems in Bethlehem and Allentown.

I know these amendments are before us today. I know there are 53 of them. The chairman from Delaware County said there was a hearing on this bill 7 weeks ago. Well, I know and you know from looking on your computer this bill did not exist until 8 days ago. There could not have been a hearing in February on a bill that was not written until April 13. That makes no logical sense.

This bill needs to be referred back to committee so that we can deal with these issues that are before us, that we can go through and have the Veterans Affairs and Emergency

Preparedness Committee go through and address each of these issues and bring this bill to the House floor in a form that is ready for a final vote. I ask this House to take a little more time, get the bill back to the Veterans Affairs Committee, let us get this legislation right, and then let us bring it to the House floor for a final vote in the near future. I ask for a "yes" vote.

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

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

I would ask that the members oppose the motion to recommit. This bill is the product of over 2 years of intense legislative negotiations – seven public hearings and legislators in both parties working together to try to find a final product to create a stable 911 funding system in Pennsylvania. And even if this specific language was introduced 8 days ago, it is my recollection that there are some other grander things that have happened in the history of mankind in 7 days, let alone taking 8 days to talk to your folks back home as to whether they might support the bill or not.

So I would ask the members to oppose the motion to recommit. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, for the second time on the motion for recommitment.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you.

Real quickly, there are other amendments that are in this list that affect the Pennsylvania State Police. Now, when these amendments were brought up at committee, they were withdrawn, and now they are back on the list. The question in my mind is, why are we rushing a bill through that does not even put the Pennsylvania State Police on the board that is supposed to determine the technologies? That is the type of issue you can resolve if you send it back to committee.

The other thing is, the other issue is, we dealt with these same public hearings last year, and when we could not reach an agreement, what was done was you extend the sunset date. If you are not going to deal with how you spend the money, if you are not going to put the Pennsylvania State Police on the board that is going to decide how the money is going to be spent, if you are not going to decide to do it at the least cost to the people who have to pay the bill, then you should be not passing this bill and you should be extending the sunset date.

For those reasons I ask everyone, send this back to the Veterans Committee, which is bipartisan, has been bipartisan, and does all of its work in a bipartisan basis. Let us get the bill right before it goes to the Senate. Why should we be sending over a bill that we know is going to get changed to a percentage of the bill as opposed to a flat line rate charge because we have not dealt with what we should deal with as the people's spokesmen? Please, this can all be handled if we send it back to committee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kortz, on the question of recommitment.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the motion to recommit. One of the other issues we talked about in the committee – we had a lot of hearings, yes; that is correct. We had some of our county executives in and we talked about also incorporating enabling legislation, and it was shot down on a vote last week on an

amendment. We need to revisit the enabling legislation so the counties can directly help themselves and put some things into place with revenue so they can control their destiny on 911.

So I would support the motion to recommit, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—58

Barbin	Dawkins	Keller, W.	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Dean	Kim	Readshaw
Bradford	DeLissio	Kinsey	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Donatucci	Kortz	Rozzi
Brownlee	Driscoll	Mahoney	Sabatina
Burns	Evans	Markosek	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Fabrizio	Matzie	Santarsiero
Carroll	Farina	McCarter	Schlossberg
Cohen	Flynn	McNeill	Schreiber
Conklin	Frankel	Mullery	Schweyer
Costa, P.	Freeman	O'Brien	Sims
Daley, M.	Galloway	Parker, C.	Waters
Daley, P.	Gibbons	Pashinski	Wheatley
Davidson	Goodman	Petrarca	Youngblood
Davis	Harris, J.		

NAYS—133

Adolph	Gergely	Mackenzie	Reese
Baker	Gillen	Maher	Regan
Barrar	Gillespie	Major	Roae
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Maloney	Ross
Bizzarro	Godshall	Marshall	Saccone
Bloom	Greiner	Marsico	Sainato
Boback	Grove	McGinnis	Sankey
Briggs	Hahn	Mentzer	Santora
Brown, R.	Hanna	Metcalfe	Saylor
Causar	Harhai	Metzgar	Schemel
Christiana	Harhart	Miccarelli	Simmons
Corbin	Harkins	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Heffley	Miller, D.	Staats
Culver	Helm	Milne	Stephens
Cutler	Hennessey	Moul	Tallman
Day	Hickernell	Murt	Taylor
Deasy	Hill	Mustio	Tobash
Delozier	Irvin	Nesbit	Toepel
DeLuca	James	Neuman	Toohil
Dermody	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Topper
Diamond	Kampf	Oberlander	Truitt
DiGirolamo	Kaufer	Ortitay	Vitali
Dunbar	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Ward
Dush	Kavulich	Payne	Warner
Ellis	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wentling
English	Killion	Pickett	Wheeland
Evankovich	Klunk	Pyle	White
Everett	Knowles	Quigley	Zimmerman
Farry	Kotik	Quinn	
Fee	Krieger	Rader	Turzai,
Gabler	Lawrence	Rapp	Speaker
Gainey	Longietti	Reed	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Boyle	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	Masser	Vereb

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Returning to the amendments, amendment 00611, the chairman, Mr. Barrar, is recognized for the second time.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would ask the members to vote down this amendment, and one of the reasons why, if you look at the current fee schedule, every county is allowed – is different in the maximum, statutory maximum contribution rate to 911. Some go to \$1 and some counties are at \$1.50. So this \$1.65 puts us, really, 15 cents above the highest allowable right now, which is \$1.50.

So I would ask the members to vote this down. Let us keep it at \$1.65. Remember, this bill as drafted is supported by your County Commissioners Association. I think that is an important point, because they have been the biggest stakeholders and they are the biggest stakeholders in this entire process. They are the ones going to be the most affected.

I would ask the members for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a request for leave of absence by the minority leader for the gentlelady, Ms. BISHOP. Without objection, her leave of absence will be granted for the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 911 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—55

Barbin	Dunbar	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Emrick	Maloney	Roae
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Roebuck
Brownlee	Gabler	Metcalfe	Rozzi

Caltagirone	Gibbons	Metzgar	Sabatina
Cox	Godshall	Mullery	Sankey
Daley, P.	Goodman	Murt	Santarsiero
Davidson	Harris, J.	Neuman	Schlossberg
Davis	Heffley	O'Brien	Simmons
Dawkins	Kauffman	Ortitay	Sims
Day	Keller, W.	Parker, C.	Toepel
DeLissio	Kinsey	Petri	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Driscoll	Krieger	Readshaw	

## NAYS—135

Adolph	Farry	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Baker	Fee	Kortz	Reed
Barrar	Flynn	Lawrence	Regan
Benninghoff	Frankel	Longietti	Ross
Bizzarro	Freeman	Maher	Saccone
Boback	Gainey	Mahoney	Sainato
Bradford	Galloway	Major	Samuelson
Briggs	Gergely	Markosek	Santora
Brown, R.	Gillen	Marshall	Saylor
Burns	Gillespie	Marsico	Schemel
Carroll	Gingrich	Matzie	Schreiber
Causar	Greiner	McCarter	Schweyer
Christiana	Grove	McGinnis	Snyder
Cohen	Hahn	Mentzer	Sonney
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Staats
Corbin	Harhai	Millard	Stephens
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, B.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Taylor
Culver	Harris, A.	Milne	Tobash
Cutler	Helm	Moul	Toohil
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Mustio	Topper
Dean	Hickernell	Nesbit	Truitt
Deasy	Hill	O'Neill	Vitali
Delozier	Irvin	Oberlander	Ward
DeLuca	James	Parker, D.	Warner
Dermody	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Watson
Diamond	Kampf	Payne	Wentling
Donatucci	Kaufer	Peifer	Wheatley
Dush	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheeland
Ellis	Keller, F.	Pickett	White
English	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Zimmerman
Evankovich	Killion	Quinn	
Everett	Kim	Rader	Turzai,
Fabrizio	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker
Farina			

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—13

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Harper	Masser	Vereb
Cruz			

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00608**:

Amend Bill, page 35, line 6, by inserting after "systems"  
servicing a geographic area with a population of 250,000  
or more

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is one of the amendments that is offered to try to get some clarity as to how the money is going to be distributed. If you look at page 35 of this bill, you come up with, under section (d), "Distribution." The first three sections are pretty general in terms.

This amendment involves section (2) which says, "Twelve percent of the amount in the fund shall be disbursed at the agency's discretion, in consultation with the board, to 911 systems for initiatives that the agency...believes will improve 911 systems...." It does not say what those initiatives will be. It just says that they will be decided by the agency and the board, which has been amended to the council.

What my amendment says is that this additional 12 percent should be provided as an incentive to those with a geographic area of coverage as a PSAP with a population of 250,000 people. The reason is, if we do not start requiring the PSAPs to be more efficient, what we are going to get to is more of the PSAPs will have higher costs as they go out and buy this next-generation technology. So if rural areas now have 8 cents a call, they are going to have \$1.20 a call, and even if we give them \$320 million, we are not going to get them to start being efficient. The only way you can do that is if you follow the Maryland model, and the Maryland model says that PSAPs ought to be 250,000 or more.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this would be very unfair to the smaller counties. There may be unforeseen circumstances, especially in rural counties, that hinder the counties' and PEMA's ability to fund projects. Even in counties that may share services but may not consolidate may be prevented from receiving any assistance with a shared service cost.

I would ask the members to vote down this amendment.  
Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, for the second time.

Mr. BARBIN. The facts are we have got 89 of these things; Maryland has got 28. There is nothing in this bill that is going to make us have a more efficient system unless there are incentives in the way the money is distributed to do it. When you are a manufacturer, if you have a small business and you try to manufacture more projects, you increase the size of your manufacturing facility because it lowers your fixed cost. There is nothing in this distribution of money that encourages a PSAP to do that.

I ask for this incentive to be included within the bill since we are increasing the amount that we are charging the taxpayers by 65 cents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. James, on the amendment. Waives off? Okay. Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Chairman Barrar on the amendment for the second time.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, through this 2-year process, we went through a lot of trouble, a lot of debate on how to best organize the board to give them the authority to make this decision. This certainly undermines the board's ability to do that, and I would ask the members to vote this amendment down. Thank you.

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—35

Barbin	Dean	Kinsey	Readshaw
Bradford	DeLissio	Kortz	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kotik	Rozzi
Brownlee	Evans	McCarter	Sabatina
Carroll	Gergely	McNeill	Schreiber
Cohen	Goodman	Miller, D.	Sims
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	O'Brien	Waters
Daley, P.	Kavulich	Parker, C.	Youngblood
Dawkins	Keller, W.	Petrarca	

#### NAYS—155

Adolph	Fee	Longiotti	Reed
Baker	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Maher	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Mahoney	Roe
Bizzarro	Gabler	Major	Ross
Bloom	Gainey	Maloney	Saccone
Boback	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gillen	Marsico	Sankey
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McGinnis	Santora
Causar	Godshall	Mentzer	Saylor
Christiana	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schemel
Conklin	Grove	Metzgar	Schlossberg
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Schweyer
Costa, D.	Hanna	Millard	Simmons
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Sonney
Culver	Harkins	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Harris, A.	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Davis	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Day	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Deasy	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Delozier	Hill	O'Neill	Toohil
DeLuca	Irvin	Oberlander	Topper
Dermody	James	Ortitay	Truitt
Diamond	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Vitali
DiGirolo	Kampf	Pashinski	Ward
Donatucci	Kaufer	Payne	Warner
Dunbar	Kauffman	Peifer	Watson
Dush	Keller, F.	Petri	Wentling
Ellis	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Emrick	Killion	Pyle	Wheeland

English	Kim	Quigley	White
Evankovich	Klunk	Quinn	Zimmerman
Everett	Knowles	Rader	
Fabrizio	Krieger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Farry			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—13

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Harper	Masser	Vereb
Cruz			

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00609**:

Amend Bill, page 86, line 19, by striking out "2019" and inserting  
2016

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. BARBIN. I will be withdrawing this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00610**:

Amend Bill, page 86, line 19, by striking out "2019" and inserting  
2017

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.

Mr. BARBIN. I will be withdrawing this amendment as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment No. **A00612**:

Amend Bill, page 38, line 22, by striking out "\$1.65" and inserting  
\$1.35

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

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.

Mr. BARBIN. This issue was brought up at the \$1.50 issue. I do not believe that we, through our testimony, have shown a reason to go to \$1.35, but based on the vote, I will be withdrawing the amendment as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Barbin, offers amendment A00— Mr. Barbin, amendment 613, are you withdrawing as well?

Mr. BARBIN. Amendment 613 is \$1.25. This is the amount that the industry believed was necessary, but based on the vote, I will be withdrawing the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will you be withdrawing amendment 614?

Mr. BARBIN. No; no. This is another one of the issues about the distribution formula.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Understood.

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment No. **A00614**:

Amend Bill, page 35, line 3, by inserting after "board."  
The mathematical formula shall provide a 10% incentive for PSAPs serving a geographic area with a population of 250,000 or more.

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

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

Mr. BARBIN. There are three parts of the distribution formula and then none of these parts were discussed in committee. This part is section (1). Section (1) says, "Not less

than 75% of the amount in the fund shall be disbursed to a 911 system through a mathematical formula established by the agency in consultation with the board."

Now, I belong to the school of statutory construction that says that if you pass a law and you do not define what you mean, a regulation cannot be established to do what the legislature should do. This section says that it is completely up to the agency and the board to figure out a mathematical formula and disburse 75 percent of the \$326 million to 911 systems in their discretion, without any guidance as to how that is supposed to be done. The amendment says that if you are going to use a formula like this and you are preaching that you are a safe and efficient system – that is the whole reason for the bill – then there should be some incentive given to those PSAPs like Philadelphia, like Allentown, Bethlehem, like Pittsburgh, that serve a group of 250,000 people or more, because they are doing it at the lowest cost. If we have \$326 million of money, more money ought to go to the people that are serving more calls. That is what this amendment says. And since we do not have anything else in our mathematical formula for 75 percent of the money, I ask that we at least have an incentive to try to get the money to the people who have the most calls.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar, on the amendment.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would ask the members to vote down this amendment.

This, again, would undermine the authority of the board. Remember, the board is made up, on the board are eight members; four of them are county commissioners, four of them are county 911 directors. Okay? These are the people that know the system best. They will know the needs of what these 911 systems deserve.

The primary and only purpose of the 75-percent portion of the formula is to distribute the funding through an established formula that is based on statutorily defined criteria to meet each 911 system's individual and unique needs. Furthermore, the 10-percent incentive is ambiguous and has no criteria attached to it, nor is it defined.

I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. BARBIN. I think it is kind of funny that 10-percent incentive to a PSAP of \$250,000 has no criteria when you have left to the board the whole decision of what the mathematical formula is going to be. I would be willing to withdraw this amendment if the Pennsylvania State Police were included on the board, but in the rush to do the 8-day bill, we did not even include the Pennsylvania State Police on the board.

So for that reason I ask that this amendment be voted up or down.

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

Mr. BARRAR. Again, just to correct a misconception that is out there. The State Police are on the board. They are in it as an advisory member of the board. They were not neglected. The State Police are there, so to say that they are not is just disingenuous.

I would ask the members to vote down this amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. DAY. Mr. Speaker, would the maker of the amendment rise for interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, rise for interrogation? He has agreed. You may proceed, Mr. Day.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, you had mentioned that this amendment affects areas that serve 250,000 people or more, and added in Allentown and Bethlehem. Were you talking about the city 911 or the county?

Mr. BARBIN. This amendment, by its language, says a PSAP "with a population of 250,000 or more." It does not specifically speak to Philadelphia, Allentown, Pittsburgh, or anyone else. What it does say is that if you are a larger PSAP, then you should be entitled to a 10-percent incentive because you are providing a larger call volume.

Mr. DAY. So the point I was trying to understand was, I believe that the Allentown area is not over the 250,000, or the Bethlehem.

Mr. BARBIN. I do not know what the population of Allentown and Bethlehem put together is.

Mr. DAY. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That ends interrogation. Briefly on the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Would you like to proceed on the amendment? You are in order and may proceed.

Mr. DAY. Briefly, Mr. Speaker.

Just because the comments included Allentown and Bethlehem out of the Lehigh Valley, I just wanted to rise and clarify that point to make sure that the maker of the amendment did not have information that we in the Lehigh Valley did not have. It appears that Allentown and Bethlehem would not be affected, by that interrogation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Causer – my good friend, Mr. Causer, is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had not planned to rise on this amendment, but in listening to the debate, to carve out 10 percent as an incentive to areas or PSAPs that have a population over 250,000 people is ridiculous. I mean, to think about the 911 service, we all depend on the service, and in many areas of this Commonwealth, our counties are combined in providing that service. In the Speaker's instance, Potter and Tioga are combined into one PSAP; Elk and Cameron are combined into another PSAP. We are providing a service there by putting counties together to be more economical, but our population is still low in comparison to the discussion going on here today, but that does not mean we should get any less funding to provide that service. This amendment is an attack on the rural counties in this State and should be defeated.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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—12

Barbin	Cohen	Gergely	Miller, D.
Bradford	Dawkins	Kinsey	Parker, C.
Brown, V.	Evans	Kortz	Petrarca

#### NAYS—178

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

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—13

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

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00617**:

Amend Bill, page 34, by inserting between lines 25 and 26  
(4) Money from the fund shall not be expended on a next generation 911 technology that has not been specifically approved as a technology that is consistent with interconnectivity standards of the agency.

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

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.  
Are you withdrawing that, Mr. Barbin? Thank you, sir.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will you be withdrawing A00689? The gentleman has agreed to withdraw – oh, my apologies. He is going to be offering that amendment. All right.

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00689**:

Amend Bill, page 86, line 9, by striking out "a section" and inserting  
sections

Amend Bill, page 86, by inserting between lines 16 and 17  
§ 5314. Audits.

(a) Contents.—Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, upon the effective date of this section, the Auditor General shall initiate a financial and performance audit of the agency and each county PSAP operating within this Commonwealth. The audit shall include:

(1) A review of all fund distributions and 911 contributions remitted by local exchange telecommunications companies to each county for fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

(2) An evaluation of whether the agency and county PSAPs are achieving efficiency and effectiveness in the employment of their respective financial and operational mandates to maintain and modernize the delivery of next generation 911 services as required by Federal law.

(3) An examination of all nonrecurring costs, training, costs and expenditures for communications infrastructure and equipment, maintenance and operation of all 911 systems.

(4) An examination of nonemergency services provided by PSAPs, including the identification of any expenditure of State or county 911 funds for unauthorized purchases or activities.

(b) Requirement.—The audits shall be performed using generally accepted accounting principles and the cost of the audit shall be paid from the fund. Failure of any county PSAP to submit to the audit as

required under this section shall result in the forfeiture of future disbursements from the fund until such time as the audit of the PSAP is complete.

(c) Independent auditor.—The Auditor General may contract with an independent auditor to assist with the performance of the audits for the purposes of receiving, maintaining and verifying the accuracy of any and all information, including all proprietary information that is collected or that may have been submitted to the Office of the Auditor General by each county PSAP coordinator, to verify the accuracy of the collection and expenditure of all 911 fees collected from local telecommunications companies or disbursed from the fund.

(d) Report and findings.—The Auditor General shall make a report with its findings and recommendations to implement and enhance the delivery of NG911 emergency services in this Commonwealth and submit the report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2015.

(e) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"NG911." An Internet Protocol-based system that allows digital information, including voice, photos, videos and text messages, to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network, and on to emergency responders.

"Nonemergency." Ancillary activities or services performed by a PSAP that are not directly related or attributed to the intake or transmission of a 911 communication or to the dispatch of 911 emergency service providers in response to a sudden, urgent, usually unexpected occurrence or occasion that poses an immediate risk to the health, safety and welfare of life, property and environment, and that requires urgent intervention by Federal, State or local emergency responders to prevent a worsening of the situation requiring immediate action.

Amend Bill, page 86, line 24, by inserting after "amendment "  
or addition

Amend Bill, page 86, line 24, by striking out "§ 5303(b)" and inserting

§§ 5303(b) and 5314

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.

Mr. BARBIN. This amendment would remedy something that was not brought up in the original bill. What this amendment does is makes the Auditor General responsible for auditing the county 911 systems and to determine that next generation technology is efficiently provided.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar, on the amendment.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am pretty sure the amendment we passed earlier – what was it, 705? – took care of this, and I really do not see the reason that we need to do this. So I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment.

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

Mr. BARBIN. The difference in the two amendments is what this amendment does is, what this would do is it would say that the Auditor General has a duty to issue a report and findings that we would be provided to tell us how the system is going.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar, for the second time.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the maker of the amendment if he would pull this, to pull this amendment. I think a better way to handle this would be for us as a committee to send a letter signed by all the committee members asking the Auditor General to perform an audit on this. I think it is a much better way to handle this than putting it into the bill. I would not be opposed to handle it that way, if he is okay with it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We will suspend momentarily.

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Returning to the amendment, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to be offering this amendment and withdrawing all the other amendments.

This amendment I originally described mistakenly—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the kind gentleman please suspend. We are still showing amendment A00689.

Mr. BARBIN. I am withdrawing that amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is withdrawing that amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BARBIN** offered the following amendment No. **A00698**:

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

"Next Generation 911" or "NG911." An Internet Protocol (IP)-based system that allows digital information, including voice, photos, videos and text messages, to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network and on to emergency responders.

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

"Pa StarNet." The Commonwealth's Statewide wireless voice and data network for public safety and 911 communications as used by Commonwealth agencies, the General Assembly, certain county and municipal agencies and businesses.

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

"Regional ESiNET." An Internet Protocol-based system which consists of managed networks, shared applications and the ability to replicate emergency 911 features and functions.

Amend Bill, page 86, line 9, by striking out "a section" and inserting

sections

Amend Bill, page 86, by inserting between lines 16 and 17 § 5314. Inventory.

(a) Comprehensive inventory required.—The agency, in consultation with the Pennsylvania State Police and the board, shall conduct a comprehensive inventory of each county PSAP's facilities, hardware, software, communications infrastructure, network capabilities and related equipment and services procured to determine the status of each PSAP's 911 system's stage of advancement to NG911 and to develop a comprehensive State plan for the implementation, operation, maintenance and funding of a Statewide NG911 emergency services Internet Protocol network that supports the interoperable and coordinated delivery of Federal, State, regional and local government NG911 emergency services.

(b) Contents.—The inventory shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) A record of databases, networks, radio, telephone and equipment and correlated networks at each PSAP.

(2) A record of all data systems, including, but not limited to, call and dispatch and record management systems.

(3) PSAP 911 emergency and nonemergency call volumes.

(4) Equipment/network system geographic limitations and capabilities.

(5) Identification of new equipment that may be required to and equipment that may be reused to achieve NG911 status.

(6) A record of equipment or facilities that are or can be shared or colocated.

(7) A record of all leased equipment and date of each lease termination date.

(8) A record of personnel resources and costs, including pension and benefit obligations at each PSAP.

(9) PSAP ease of ability to merge with or form a regional ESiNET or connect directly to PA StarNet or subsequent microwave network.

(c) Counties to cooperate.—Counties shall cooperate with the agency by supplying all of the information identified in this section and other information deemed necessary by the agency to complete a comprehensive inventory of all PSAPs operating 911 systems within this Commonwealth. Counties that do not remit the information requested by the agency within 45 days of the request shall result in the immediate suspension or forfeiture of fund disbursements. The agency, in consultation with the board, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Governor's Interoperability Council, shall complete the inventory and issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by October 31, 2015. The agency shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the inventory on a biannual basis.

Amend Bill, page 86, line 24, by inserting after "amendment" or addition

Amend Bill, page 86, line 24, by striking out "§ 5303(b)" and inserting

§§ 5303(b) and 5314

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Barbin, is recognized, and it is our understanding you are withdrawing all other amendments, correct?

Mr. BARBIN. I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. BARBIN. Mr. Speaker, this amendment sets forth an inventory process to allow the board to have information on all current 911 equipment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar, on the amendment.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. I would ask the members for a positive vote. Thank you.

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—190

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

## NAYS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—13

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Harper	Masser	Vereb
Cruz			

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCHWEYER offered the following amendment No. A00633:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 25, by inserting a bracket after  
 ""Council.""  
 Amend Bill, page 4, line 26, by inserting a bracket before "of"  
 Amend Bill, page 4, line 27, by inserting after "county"  
 ] exercising the powers and duties of a county under this chapter  
 Amend Bill, page 4, line 28, by inserting a bracket before  
 ""County"  
 Amend Bill, page 12, line 7, by striking out "county" and  
 inserting  
jurisdiction  
 Amend Bill, page 18, line 9, by striking out "county and regional  
911 systems" and inserting  
PSAPs  
 Amend Bill, page 20, line 5, by striking out "county or regional"  
 and inserting  
PSAP  
 Amend Bill, page 26, line 24, by striking out the bracket before  
 "exercise"  
 Amend Bill, page 26, line 25, by striking out the bracket after  
 "chapter" and inserting  
or may  
 Amend Bill, page 26, line 25, by striking out the bracket before  
 "A"  
 Amend Bill, page 27, line 7, by striking out the bracket after  
 "section."

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Schweyer, is recognized.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

I rise today to ask for a positive vote on amendment 633.

Since the 1930s the city of Allentown and the city of Bethlehem have maintained emergency call centers. For the better part of the last 40 years Allentown and Bethlehem have continued to maintain our independent call centers in spite of regional collaboration, which has otherwise proven beneficial to areas of the Commonwealth. Allentown and Bethlehem, however, have call volumes that rival some of our largest counties.

The city of Allentown has a population of 118,000, with almost 100,000 calls every year. The city of Bethlehem has a population of 74,000, almost 80,000. These two cities maintain state-of-the-art call centers that are fully accredited. These two cities maintain these call centers, and as a result, Allentown and Bethlehem have something that many areas of the Commonwealth wish they could boast: falling crime statistics. The city of Allentown maintains 140 cameras that our 911 center watches and maintains. The city of Bethlehem watches over 100 cameras.

Now, I have heard criticisms that Allentown and Bethlehem use our call centers to monitor cameras in our cities, and what a lot of those critics are not taking into account is that Allentown and Bethlehem paid for those cameras themselves. The city of Allentown, out of their General Fund, spends over \$1 million a year on those cameras. The city of Bethlehem, because of technology upgrades, spends over \$2 million a year on their 911 centers. We are not asking for a handout; we are asking to continue our status quo.

Just a couple votes ago, we had a Representative who said, you know, here we go again. This is a solution in search of a problem. I am not that smart, but I do know that the good old Pennsylvania Dutch from the Lehigh Valley know, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The city of Allentown and the city of Bethlehem have falling crime rates. The city of Allentown has one of the most efficient 911 centers in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the top 10 percent. So we are forcing regional consolidation without any input from the city of Allentown, without any input from the city of Bethlehem, without any input from the county of Lehigh, without any input from the county of Northampton. So we are risking public safety with no guarantee of better service. We are risking public safety in these two large cities without any idea if it is going to work or not.

A couple of other things that this amendment would address. Now, again, the city of Allentown and the city of Bethlehem would lose their funding in this circumstance, but if the counties would acquire these systems, the city of Allentown and the city of Bethlehem would be serviced by the counties. However, if Northampton County refuses to acquire Bethlehem, if Lehigh County refuses to acquire Allentown, Allentown and Bethlehem are going to be paying these taxes, this increased tax rate that we are all being asked to vote for, with no guarantee that Allentown and Bethlehem will ever receive a nickel back.

Now, imagine if Delaware County, Mr. Chairman, was being asked to merge with a surrounding county, and Delaware County was told if they do not merge, you are going to lose every nickel. That is what is being asked of these two cities. We are being asked to trust that Lehigh County and Northampton County are going to acquire our systems, acquire our systems and provide the same level of service for these two large municipalities. Mr. Speaker, that is not going to happen.

So I am asking folks, and I will say that the committee staff, the chairman, the minority chairman have been very, very kind to consider these amendments – I do appreciate that – but we are not taking into consideration that these are the lives of almost 200,000 Pennsylvanians whose public safety is now being put at jeopardy.

Furthermore, this amendment is supported by the F.O.P. (Fraternal Order of Police). I saw a number of members of the legislature standing in the rotunda today supporting the F.O.P. This is legislation that the F.O.P. wants. This is an amendment that the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) wants.

And with that, Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Chairman Barrar, on the amendment.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Going back to the argument here, Allentown and Bethlehem are the only two cities in the State that have their own PSAP centers. I am asking the members to vote "no" on this amendment for the following reasons: The language in the bill does not close these two city 911 centers, it instead removes their exemption and opens up a path to fruitful negotiations with their respective counties for consideration for them being included in their county 911 funding plan. These are the last two State-funded 911 centers in the State. Every other big and small city has merged with their county 911 center, including

Delaware County, which merged every single city in their county to one 911 center.

I ask the members of this body here, is it fair for the citizens of these two cities to be taxed three times to pay for the same service in the same land area? Furthermore, is it fair to the rest of the counties who are dependent on the funding formula?

The sponsor of the amendment right here stated that the city has cameras throughout their 911 center that the 911 operators watch. I will point out here that this is not an eligible expense, nor is it a legitimate function of our 911 centers under the statute. Highly trained dispatchers and call takers should not be sitting around watching TV monitors like mall security guards. They receive 911 calls and dispatch emergency services.

I have had a map drawn up of the four 911 centers in a radius of about 8 miles. They have four 911 centers in that area, with the Allentown and the Bethlehem center being just 5 miles from each other. That does not exist anywhere else in the county.

In an interview in a recent newspaper, the Lehigh County executive said that they are more than prepared, if you read the article, more than prepared to take – all they need to do is throw a switch and they will be able to handle the call volume coming in. Recently when they remodeled and upgraded their system in Lehigh County, they prepared for this day to come knowing that these were the only two exemptions out there.

Every city in every county was required to consolidate with their county PSAP but two. Voting for this amendment, voting to approve this amendment is a vote to give your county PSAP less funding. I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have to respond to several things the gentleman from Delaware County said about the good citizens of Allentown and Bethlehem.

Let us have a little history here about 911 service in Pennsylvania. We have had several bills over the years. There was a bill back in 1990, the original 911 legislation passed in the year 1990, that included the language that acknowledged the reality that there is a very effective 911 center in Bethlehem and there is an effective 911 center in Allentown. The 1990 legislation that this House passed included language that acknowledged that reality.

About 7 or 8 years ago there was a 911 bill that added cell phones to the 911 fee. That legislation included language that acknowledged the reality that Bethlehem and Allentown have their own 911 systems and should have the power and duties as the previous legislation had.

Just last year, last year when we were facing a June 30, 2014, deadline on the 911 legislation, the solution last year was to extend the current system for 1 year and take up the issue again this year, as we are doing. That language was included that acknowledged that Bethlehem and Allentown have a 911 system.

The chairperson from Delaware County mentioned that there were 11 or 12 drafts of this legislation over the last couple of years. That is a very important point, because if you ask your staff on the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, if you ask your caucus staff, if you ask your Senator and the Senate staff, you will know that in 11 out of those

12 drafts of this legislation, the language about Allentown and Bethlehem was included in the draft. There was a draft, I think the chairman just mentioned the latest draft from March, and guess what? That language in March of 2015 had Allentown and Bethlehem included, as did all the previous legislation.

So then what happened next? On April 13 at 4:30 in the afternoon, the chairperson of this committee from Delaware County did not go with draft No. 11, he came up with draft No. 12. And in draft No. 12, all of a sudden, after 25 years, the chairman from Delaware County said, guess what? We are not going to allow the systems in Allentown and Bethlehem. We are not going to include that sentence in this bill. We are going to force them to shut down; in fact, we are going to force them to consolidate. This next point is very important. We are going to force them to consolidate without their input or without their consent – without input and consent from the citizens of Allentown, from the citizens of Bethlehem; without input or consent from the mayor of Allentown, from the mayor of Bethlehem; without input or consent from the elected officials of Allentown and Bethlehem.

Just imagine what would happen if the gentleman from Delaware County did that to your constituents. What if the gentleman from Delaware County said, "We are going to have the Blair County 911 system merge with a neighboring county without input or consent from the county commissioners of Blair County"? What if he said the Allegheny County 911 system is going to be absorbed by the other 911 systems in the region without input or consent from the elected Representatives and officials of Allegheny County? What if I said, what if I had an amendment that said I would like to force the consolidation of the Delaware County 911 system without input or consent from the elected officials of Delaware County? That would be outrageous for this House to consider.

In the Lehigh Valley we are not against regional efforts. If you look through the history of the Lehigh Valley, we have a very successful regional airport, we have a very successful regional planning commission, we have a very successful regional bus service, we have a very successful regional economic development agency, but what happened there over the last four decades is every time we talked about one of those regional endeavors, the parties were invited to participate in the discussions. County officials from Lehigh County, county officials from Northampton County were invited to participate in those discussions. City officials from Allentown, from Bethlehem, from Easton were invited to participate in those discussions. Township officials were invited to participate in those discussions.

Here in 2015, under this bill that has been in print for 8 days, all of a sudden the change from draft No. 11 to draft No. 12 is now the House is going to consider a bill that would shut out Allentown and Bethlehem and force them to consolidate without their own input or consent. That leads to many logistical problems, as Representative Schweyer just said. What if one of the counties chooses not to consolidate with the 911 center in Bethlehem or Allentown? Are they left hanging?

As you know, the city of Bethlehem is located in two counties, Lehigh and Northampton Counties. What if both counties want to absorb the 911 center in Bethlehem as part of their 911 center? Are you going to have one 911 center that covers the 54,000 people in Bethlehem who live in Northampton County and a different 911 center that covers the

19,000 people in Bethlehem who live in Lehigh County? If you were the chief of the Bethlehem Police Department, who would you tell your police officers to listen to – the 911 call you got from Lehigh County or Northampton County? Why should those citizens of Bethlehem be excluded from this discussion? Why should the citizens of Allentown be excluded from this discussion?

I think this amendment, I mean this bill in chief, which makes this change at the eleventh hour, 8 days ago, and forces Bethlehem and Allentown to be absorbed by the neighboring counties without input or consent, each of you would object if that happened to your county 911 system, each of you would object if that happened to the citizens who live in your county.

Representative Schweyer's legislation fixes that. Representative Schweyer's amendment puts back language that has been in every single 911 bill from 1990 to 2008, to 11 of the 12 drafts, every single 911 bill until 8 days ago. I ask for a "yes" vote on Representative Schweyer's amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the gentleman from Delaware County, the chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee. Would he stand for interrogation?

### THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has indicated he will stand for interrogation.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that these two cities are the last two cities in the Commonwealth to have this arrangement. Is that the case?

Mr. BARRAR. Yes, it is absolutely true. Every other city in every county, except these two, has been forced into consolidation.

If I could just add, there are several, there are several city 911 centers that do not receive any State funding that still exist, but again, they are not included in the formula anywhere. So yes, it is possible – the way this bill is drafted does not force them to close down. It just means that the counties will get additional funding under this new bill. It means that the counties would have to share their revenues with these two centers. It does not shut them down.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding under this legislation that there is funding – in fact, it might be argued significant funding – to promote consolidation. Is that the case?

Mr. BARRAR. There is. There is a percentage of the bill which was discussed earlier that we incentivize consolidation, whether it is shared services or the consolidation of technology, is in the bill. The centers that consolidate will receive a greater portion of that fund and funding for their upgrading projects.

Mr. LAWRENCE. And, Mr. Speaker, that funding would be available in this instance. Am I correct?

Mr. BARRAR. If they consolidate, it would depend on how the consolidation— If they are consolidating their technology, yes, there would be some help for them to do that if there was a cost involved.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I may on the bill – on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Excuse me just for a second, Mr. Lawrence. The gentleman will suspend.

### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does Mr. O'Brien wave?

Mr. O'BRIEN. Point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. O'BRIEN. It is a little bit after the question, but the question that I wanted to put to you, Mr. Speaker, is neither of the gentlemen were principals in this issue. The gentleman from Allentown was the maker of this amendment and he was locked out of the discussion. It was an interrogation between two folks that were not directly makers. Is that appropriate procedure, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Sir, it is appropriate as long as the question is designed to elicit information with respect to the bill but the maker does not know.

Mr. O'BRIEN. So it is acceptable for me to enter into an interrogation to move forward my point of debate without the maker of the bill or the amendment being involved. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Sir, I know it is not the maker of the amendment, but it is the maker of the underlying bill, so it is appropriate in those circumstances.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you for that clarification, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Lawrence, please proceed. I apologize.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am finished with my interrogation. I believe I have made my point. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gary Day.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment.

As has been said, I want to echo, the prime sponsor of the amendment did an outstanding job explaining. I had written down questions to interrogate, but he really answered them already so we know the answers to the questions that I have, so I am just going to speak on this amendment.

You know, there were comments about, just throw a switch and the county is ready to take over, and I can tell you the practical side of that is not true. It would take quite a bit of time for that absorption or that merger to occur between the county and the city. That is just Allentown and Lehigh.

The other component and the absorption and this merger, forced merger, so quickly – I tried to advocate for a point in time in the future to have the merger occur, but there is a reason why Allentown and Bethlehem have been separated out. Philadelphia, Allegheny County, those counties are already integrated into working with the municipality. The city of Allentown is the third largest municipality in the Commonwealth, and Bethlehem, the Representative from Bethlehem outlined very articulately, the way Bethlehem is split between two counties is going to create mayhem in public safety in our urban areas.

In my district where I represent now, I have the benefit of living in the urban area, in the cities, and also in the more rural areas now where I represent. In my areas, the phone calls come into 911 like this: "There is a dog running around; come and get

the dog." They are much more benign, the calls that come in. In the city, the people say, "I was just hit by somebody and they took off and they are running and I am running after them," and they are very much – and that happened to me. That was my call into the 911 center.

The city dispatchers know exactly where 100 Oak Street is in the city of Allentown. I know where that is as well, and I know because I did the reports and the research that an ungodly amount of calls come in for different areas of the county seat.

Practically, politically, the head of the county, it is the county executive's home rule in Lehigh County. It is kind of like the strong-mayor form of government in the city. Both are strong politicians. They happen to be both from the same party, but do not see eye to eye all the time.

The county executive reporting, hey, we are ready for this. We are ready for an asymmetrical negotiation of merger. That is what I read there. And I know a lot of the commissioners on the board, but it is the executive who is ready: "Sure, force them to come to me." The chairman pointed out properly that this does not make them close, but it removes the funding. Let us talk about funding.

If you had dollars coming into your area, about \$10 million of moneys coming in to handle public safety calls, and then all of a sudden there was a bill that came forward that was going to reduce that amount; it will reduce it to at least \$8.4 or \$8.5 million. That is a substantial decrease. When this bill began, most of the people involved – as a matter of fact, the guy who leads the Allentown COM center, communications center, was on the committee helping to write this, and he said to me, "Not once did we talk about going in this direction," and he was still helping towards the underlying problem that our chairman and our staff and many of you here are working so diligently to provide funding for this important service. But while you are doing that, you are ripping the carpet out from underneath the urban core of the Lehigh Valley.

Now, this is not my district any longer, my Representative district any longer, but when I see something like this, I am standing today to tell you that I do not think it is the right thing to do. My friends in the city and my friends in Bethlehem probably do not want to ever make them merge, but I saw it differently and I said, "I understand why we would want to merge and share services." We are forcing Allentown to not be funded and negotiate with Lehigh County, when in fact Allentown has already gone to Northampton County and talked to them about sharing – and I think they do now, share the technical switch. If you have a telephone company or a telephone operation, you need this technology to switch so many calls that may be coming in at one time. So Allentown has already worked with Northampton County because it made sense.

How to solve the Bethlehem issue of being split between two counties worries me the most, and that has nothing to do with the population, just that the urban core is there.

To my colleagues, I just want to say one final thing. Years ago I grew up in a suburb of the city of Allentown and I decided to get involved in the city of Allentown for one reason: If we let the urban core go in public safety, it will most definitely ripple out into our areas, and that is why I stand here today before you, because this is not the right thing to do for Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehigh, and Northampton County. In your attempt to raise these funds, to provide for these services across the

Commonwealth, you are going to be damaging the public safety in an urban area, a couple of urban areas – and for my friend from Easton, I will say Easton as well – but you damage those areas in the Lehigh Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment and hope that my colleagues see in their heart and in their mind that although this may not affect them directly, that it is just not the right thing to do and not the right way to do it on this one particular issue. I am trying to be very surgical here and understand the work that has gone in to get this bill to this point.

I urge a "yes" vote on this bill, allowing us to come back and address the merger issue at a date in the future and a date certain in the future in time.

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Schlossberg.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is anybody in this room who has a problem, at least conceptually, with regionalism. We have all seen regionalism work. We have all, however, seen regionalism fail, and I have a very serious problem with the idea of imposing consolidation on a group of people who may not necessarily want it.

Consolidation is possible now between Allentown and Lehigh County and between Bethlehem and Northampton County; however, at the end of the day, consolidation should not be State mandated but should be based in what is best for the citizens and taxpayers of these municipalities.

According to most recent statistics, the city of Allentown had the sixth most efficient 911 center in the entire State, averaging \$21.63 a call. Lehigh County, which also does an outstanding job, had the 34th most efficient call volume, averaging about \$36 a call.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to be looking at consolidation, why on earth would we give one municipality the equivalent of a financial gun at the other's head?

I want to echo something that my colleague, the gentleman from Lehigh County, just said. Negotiations should be fair and equitable, and if we are going to look at consolidation, it should not be done from one side, with one side essentially holding a financial gun at the other side's head. This legislation, if approved, would force the people of Allentown-Bethlehem, as well as Lehigh and Northampton County, to get less services for more tax dollars, and it is for that reason that I urge a "yes" vote on the Schweyer amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Schweyer.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am just going to be very brief in concluding remarks here.

A version of this bill, Mr. Speaker, that we discussed and considered in March left Allentown and Bethlehem alone. It was not up until just recently that magical brackets showed up in the legislation that would dramatically change the intent of this bill as far as it relates to Allentown-Bethlehem and the entire Lehigh Valley. Essentially, sir, if this passes, all of us in the Lehigh Valley, anybody who visits the Lehigh Valley or anybody who goes to our arenas, goes to our zoo, goes to any one of our institutions, or any of you who have college-age children who attend one of our fine institutions, will be paying more money for less services. We will be raising taxes and getting less services in the Lehigh Valley.

And once again I have to reiterate, Mr. Speaker, that as I stood in the rotunda today to support the Year of the Police Officer, something that has universal support in this chamber, as all of us care so deeply about our police officers, our firefighters, our first responders, for all of you who stood in the rotunda today to talk about the Year of the Police Officer, to support a resolution, and that will vote against something that the F.O.P. and IAFF have asked us to support, then I have to question why we are supporting the Year of the Police Officer if the policies that matters to their public safety, to our professionals in public safety, say that they agree with us on this one, why would we oppose it?

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar, for the second time.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to our taxpayers to hold down the cost of these 911 systems here. Our committee did that in drafting this legislation. Theoretically, we all know that we could probably run the entire State of Pennsylvania with five PSAPs, but we know that forcing consolidation amongst the 69 PSAPs around the State would be almost impossible.

The last cities to actually consolidate with their county are Pittsburgh, a larger city than what we are talking about here in the Schweyer amendment; Harrisburg, which was bleeding money out of their 911 center; and Carlisle. All came on board just over the past few years with their county 911 centers. It was questioned whether or not they could absorb, whether the counties could absorb the closing of the other 911 centers. Well, the county executive from Lehigh County said in a newspaper article, he said that when we built the county, the new center, the 911 center, it was designed to absorb the city system knowing that this was going to be a possibility in the future.

I would ask the members to vote "no" and remember that this change that is proposed in the bill will actually mean a difference for every county PSAP. It will mean about \$141,000 additional to your county 911 centers. Remember that every city in every county, except these two, in 1990 was forced into consolidation.

Again, voting for this amendment, if you vote for this, you are going to vote to give your counties less money. I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—87

Barbin	DeLuca	Harhart	Pashinski
Bizzarro	Dermody	Harkins	Petrarca
Bradford	DiGirolamo	Harris, J.	Ravenstahl
Briggs	Donatucci	Kavulich	Readshaw
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Keller, W.	Roebuck
Brownlee	Dush	Kim	Rozzi
Burns	Emrick	Kinsey	Sabatina
Caltagirone	English	Kortz	Sainato
Carroll	Evans	Kotik	Samuelson
Cohen	Fabrizio	Longietti	Santarsiero
Conklin	Farina	Mackenzie	Santora
Costa, D.	Flynn	Mahoney	Schlossberg
Costa, P.	Frankel	Markosek	Schreiber
Daley, M.	Freeman	Matzje	Schweyer

Daley, P.	Gainey	McCarter	Simmons
Davidson	Galloway	McNeill	Sims
Davis	Gergely	Miller, D.	Snyder
Dawkins	Gibbons	Mullery	Vitali
Day	Goodman	Neuman	Waters
Dean	Hahn	O'Brien	Wheatley
Deasy	Hanna	Ortitay	Youngblood
DeLissio	Harhai	Parker, C.	

## NAYS—103

Adolph	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Baker	Harris, A.	Metcalfe	Ross
Barrar	Heffley	Metzgar	Saccone
Benninghoff	Helm	Miccarelli	Sankey
Bloom	Hennessey	Millard	Saylor
Boback	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hill	Milne	Sonney
Causar	Irvin	Moul	Staats
Christiana	James	Murt	Stephens
Corbin	Jozwiak	Mustio	Tallman
Cox	Kampf	Nesbit	Taylor
Culver	Kaufer	O'Neill	Tobash
Cutler	Kauffman	Oberlander	Toepel
Delozier	Keller, F.	Parker, D.	Toohil
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Topper
Dunbar	Killion	Peifer	Truitt
Ellis	Klunk	Petri	Ward
Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Everett	Krieger	Pyle	Watson
Farry	Lawrence	Quigley	Wentling
Fee	Maher	Quinn	Wheeland
Gabler	Major	Rader	White
Gillen	Maloney	Rapp	Zimmerman
Gillespie	Marshall	Reed	
Gingrich	Marsico	Reese	Turzai,
Godshall	McGinnis	Regan	Speaker
Greiner			

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—13

Acosta	Grell	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Hackett	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Harper	Masser	Vereb
Cruz			

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

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has asked that Chairman Bob GODSHALL of Montgomery County be put on leave for the rest of the day. That leave will be granted.

## CONSIDERATION OF HB 911 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCHWEYER offered the following amendment  
No. **A00634**:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 25, by inserting a bracket after  
"Council."

Amend Bill, page 4, line 26, by inserting a bracket before "of"  
Amend Bill, page 4, line 27, by inserting after "county"

] exercising the powers and duties of a county under this chapter  
Amend Bill, page 4, line 28, by inserting a bracket before  
""County"

Amend Bill, page 12, line 7, by striking out "county" and  
inserting

jurisdiction

Amend Bill, page 18, line 9, by striking out "county and regional  
911 systems" and inserting

PSAPs

Amend Bill, page 20, line 5, by striking out "county or regional"  
and inserting

PSAP

Amend Bill, page 20, lines 24 and 25, by striking out "that" in  
line 24 and all of line 25 and inserting

that:

(A) nominees are sufficiently proficient in 911

policies.

Amend Bill, page 20, line 26, by striking out "and that the  
nominees provide" and inserting

;

(B) the nominees provide

Amend Bill, page 20, line 28, by striking out the period after  
"Commonwealth" and inserting

;

(C) at least one nominee is a 911 coordinator

under section 5304(c) (relating to counties).

Amend Bill, page 26, line 24, by striking out the bracket before  
"exercise"

Amend Bill, page 26, line 25, by striking out the bracket after  
"chapter" and inserting

or may

Amend Bill, page 26, line 25, by striking out the bracket before  
"A"

Amend Bill, page 27, line 7, by striking out the bracket after  
"section."

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

## AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. SCHWEYER. Mr. Speaker, for the good of the chamber,  
I am withdrawing said amendment.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

That amendment will be withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Schweyer, what about  
amendment 719?

Mr. SCHWEYER. I plan on introducing it, but I will be very  
brief, sir.

The SPEAKER. No problem.

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

Mr. SCHWEYER offered the following amendment No. A00719:

Amend Bill, page 35, line 1, by striking out "75%" and inserting 70%

Amend Bill, page 35, line 9, by striking out "6%" and inserting 11%

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

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

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 719 would actually increase the amount of money available for regionalism. Since we are in such a regionalization mindframe right now, what this would do would give PEMA additional resources to create a statewide interconnective system for the 911 systems, sir.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment.

Voting for this amendment will mean less money for your county PSAP centers, so if you vote for this, you are going to lose. I would ask the members for a "no" vote. Thank you.

This amendment would be opposed by the county commissioners also. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Respectfully, the distribution methods included in the bill prove one thing: We are going to charge people more money. No one on the House floor or in the Veterans Committee has any idea how much money is going to be available to any individual county and to say otherwise says that you can foretell the future in a way that the great Carnac cannot.

So I do not believe that is a good argument, and I think we should vote for this amendment because the whole idea was to promote an efficient system.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—66

Barbin	Deasy	Harkins	Pashinski
Bizzarro	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Ravenstahl
Bradford	DeLuca	Kavulich	Readshaw
Briggs	Dermody	Keller, W.	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Donatucci	Kim	Rozzi
Brownlee	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sabatina
Burns	Evans	Kortz	Samuelson
Carroll	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Santarsiero
Cohen	Farina	Markosek	Schlossberg
Conklin	Flynn	Matzie	Schreiber
Daley, M.	Frankel	McCarter	Schweyer
Daley, P.	Freeman	McNeill	Sims
Davidson	Gainey	Mullery	Snyder
Davis	Galloway	Neuman	Waters

Dawkins	Gergely	O'Brien	Wheatley
Day	Gibbons	Parker, C.	Youngblood
Dean	Goodman		

NAYS—123

Adolph	Greiner	Marshall	Regan
Baker	Grove	Marsico	Roae
Barrar	Hahn	McGinnis	Ross
Benninghoff	Hanna	Mentzer	Saccone
Bloom	Harhai	Metcalfe	Sainato
Boback	Harhart	Metzgar	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Santora
Caltagirone	Heffley	Millard	Saylor
Causer	Helm	Miller, B.	Schemel
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Simmons
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Sonney
Costa, D.	Hill	Moul	Staats
Costa, P.	Irvin	Murt	Stephens
Cox	James	Mustio	Tallman
Culver	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Taylor
Cutler	Kampf	O'Neill	Tobash
Delozier	Kaufer	Oberlander	Toepel
Diamond	Kauffman	Ortitay	Toohil
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Parker, D.	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Truitt
Dush	Killion	Peifer	Vitali
Ellis	Klunk	Petrarca	Ward
Emrick	Knowles	Petri	Warner
English	Kotik	Pickett	Watson
Evankovich	Krieger	Pyle	Wentling
Everett	Lawrence	Quigley	Wheeland
Farry	Longiatti	Quinn	White
Fee	Mackenzie	Rader	Zimmerman
Gabler	Maher	Rapp	
Gillen	Major	Reed	Turzai,
Gillespie	Maloney	Reese	Speaker
Gingrich			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

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

Mr. SCHWEYER offered the following amendment No. A00762:

Amend Bill, page 26, lines 22 through 25, by striking out all of said lines and inserting class.—

(1) A city of the second class, second class A or third class that has established a 911 system prior to September 4, 1990, may:

(i) exercise the powers and duties of counties under this chapter only when the city acts jointly with another city of the second class, second class A or third class to establish a PSAP; or

(ii) join a county or regional PSAP. [A city of the second

Amend Bill, page 26, line 29, by striking out "has chosen not to exercise those powers and duties. The powers " and inserting  
has chosen not to exercise those powers and  
duties.]

(2) The powers

Amend Bill, page 27, line 7, by striking out the bracket after "section."

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, sir.

One more. This would just allow Allentown and Bethlehem, if they chose to, to regionalize with each other, sir.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. I do not have that amendment in front of me. May I interrogate the maker of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Sir, will you stand for interrogation?

Mr. BARRAR. Can you explain to me the language of how that creates that?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Schweyer?

Mr. SCHWEYER. My apologies, Mr. Speaker. I thought I had it at my fingertips and I did not. I do apologize to the members.

This would add a clause, sir, that would allow a city of the second class, second class A, or third class that has established a system essentially prior to 1990, so Allentown and Bethlehem would be the two, to exercise those powers only when the city acts jointly with another city of those classes to establish a PSAP or to join a county or regional PSAP, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. Mr. Speaker, may I continue my interrogation then?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. Mr. Speaker, is there a fiscal note filed with this?

Mr. SCHWEYER. Not that I am aware of, sir, no.

Mr. BARRAR. So we do not know what the cost would be?

Mr. SCHWEYER. No, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you. On the bill, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you.

Again, I do not want to rehash another 15, 20 minutes of the reasons to vote this amendment down, especially the fact that we do not have a fiscal note with this so we do not know what the cost would be or if there would be any cost savings at all.

I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment, and please vote "no." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman, you are recognized.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Schweyer amendment.

As to the issue of fiscal note, we all know that occurs after second. This bill will go to the Appropriations Committee after the amendments are added and then we will ascertain what the actual costs of all the features are. There is no fiscal note currently to the current bill, so that is a red herring.

The issue before us is whether or not we will allow cities to merge together into a regional 911 system. If the goal here today is to consolidate to allow regionalism to have a better

impact on the 911 delivery system, this is simply another option, allowing the cities of Allentown and Bethlehem to merge together. They have similar concerns. They are urban areas that have the same sort of problems and concerns. Give the folks of these two communities the ability to determine whether they want to merge with their respective counties or whether they want to merge together as one unit. That is a reasonable proposal.

When one takes into consideration the other factor that Bethlehem is currently split, as it has been for a long period of time, between two counties – West Bethlehem is in Lehigh County; the rest of Bethlehem is in Northampton County – the idea of having the option of merging with Allentown makes a great deal of sense, and the citizens of those two communities should not be ruled out of exploring that option and to do so being held fiscally sound.

I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask you to read the Schweyer amendment very carefully. Representative Schweyer's amendment gives the communities a couple of options. It gives the communities the option to merge with the county 911 system. Representative Schweyer maintains that language, but he also adds language that would allow the two cities to consider merging together.

So you have a city of Allentown with 118,000 people, a city of Bethlehem with 75,000 people. They are contiguous, their borders touch.

Representative Day just spoke about the particular challenges of the urban police departments, the urban 911 centers. What if the two cities decided that the best path forward was to talk to each other about a possible merger? Well, that is not allowed in the one-size-fits-all language that the gentleman from Delaware County has proposed. There is no discussion allowed on a possible consolidation in that regard.

As you can imagine with our unique situation in the Lehigh Valley, you could have a city deciding to talk to a county, a city deciding to talk to the other city, the city of Bethlehem, which is in two counties, looking at multiple possible options. My concern with the Barrar bill without amendment is that it is one size fits all. You are forced to accept one solution without any input from your citizens, without any input from your elected officials, and I think the Schweyer amendment gives another option.

I did look up the fiscal note for this bill and I found out that it does not exist. There is no fiscal note for this bill. There is no fiscal note for the amendments. I think Representative Freeman pointed that out, that that comes later in the process when it goes to the Appropriations Committee.

So I urge a "yes" vote on the Schweyer amendment to give the cities another option.

The SPEAKER. Representative Schlossberg.

Members, if we can, Representative Schlossberg has the floor. Thank you.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I promise I will be brief.

The stated goal of this particular piece of legislation is to encourage consolidation and gain the efficiencies that come with it. That is an admirable goal and one I think everybody in here can support.

However, there are 45 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that have less than 200,000 people. Two hundred thousand people is roughly the population of Allentown and Bethlehem combined. It logically follows that if we allow each of those counties to have their own 911 call centers, it would be efficient and robust to give Allentown and Bethlehem the same opportunity to combine.

I urge a "yes" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, sir.

Any other members wish to speak on this amendment?

Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Real quick, the point of the fiscal note would have been that it would be nice to know if there was any savings involved, if it was going to cost us more. We do not know that. I would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment. It is the right thing to do. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of amendment 762.

This amendment gives us a perfect fix for the dilemma that we are going to face in the city of Bethlehem. It allows these two cities to enter into a compact, if they wish to, to bring them together.

The good gentleman from Lehigh Valley, Representative Day, was the chief of staff for the Republican Allentown mayor, he summed it up perfectly. You are going to have chaos if we split this city of Bethlehem. This amendment, sir, will fix this problem, and I would ask all the members to really think about this vote because it does fix this problem.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—89

Barbin	Dermody	Harkins	Pashinski
Bizzarro	Donatucci	Harris, J.	Petrarca
Bradford	Driscoll	Kaufer	Ravenstahl
Briggs	Dush	Kavulich	Readshaw
Brown, V.	Emrick	Keller, W.	Regan
Brownlee	English	Kim	Roebuck
Burns	Evans	Kinsey	Rozzi
Caltagirone	Fabrizio	Kortz	Sabatina
Carroll	Farina	Kotik	Sainato
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Conklin	Frankel	Mackenzie	Santarsiero
Costa, D.	Freeman	Mahoney	Santora
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Daley, P.	Galloway	McCarter	Schweyer
Davidson	Gergely	McNeill	Simmons
Davis	Gibbons	Metzgar	Sims
Dawkins	Goodman	Miller, D.	Snyder
Day	Hahn	Mullery	Vitali
Dean	Hanna	Neuman	Waters
Deasy	Harhai	O'Brian	Wheatley
DeLissio	Harhart	Parker, C.	Youngblood
DeLuca			

#### NAYS—100

Adolph	Grove	Metcalfe	Ross
Baker	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Saccone
Barrar	Heffley	Millard	Sankey
Benninghoff	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Bloom	Hennessey	Milne	Schemel
Boback	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Brown, R.	Hill	Murt	Staats
Causar	Irvin	Mustio	Stephens
Christiana	James	Nesbit	Tallman
Corbin	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Taylor
Cox	Kampf	Oberlander	Tobash
Culver	Kauffman	Ortitay	Toepel
Cutler	Keller, F.	Parker, D.	Toohil
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Topper
Diamond	Killion	Peifer	Truitt
DiGirolamo	Klunk	Petri	Ward
Dunbar	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Ellis	Krieger	Pyle	Watson
Evankovich	Lawrence	Quigley	Wentling
Everett	Maher	Quinn	Whealand
Farry	Major	Rader	White
Fee	Maloney	Rapp	Zimmerman
Gillen	Marshall	Reed	
Gillespie	Marsico	Reese	Turzai,
Gingrich	McGinnis	Roae	Speaker
Greiner	Mentzer		

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. **DONATUCCI** offered the following amendment No. **A00679**:

Amend Bill, page 20, by inserting between lines 10 and 11  
(viii) The mayor of a city of the first class or the mayor's designee.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Representative Donatucci.

Ms. DONATUCCI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 679 ensures that the city of Philadelphia is a member of the 911 advisory board. The Philadelphia PSAP handles over 3 million total 911 calls in a calendar year, averaging approximately 8,335 calls a day. Philadelphia's call center answers 32.5 percent of all 911 wireless calls in the Commonwealth.

Based on the high call volume and the very efficient manner in which Philadelphia's PSAP operates, according to the State's own data, the nation's fifth largest city should have a seat at the table when decisions are being made regarding 911 regulations, guidelines, and funding distribution. I am requesting a positive vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to vote against this amendment. I think it is bad for the makeup of the board.

The Governor gets to appoint members to this board. Let the Governor appoint someone from Philadelphia onto the board. I think the right thing to do is vote this amendment down. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—78

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

NAYS—111

Adolph	Gingrich	Marshall	Reese
Baker	Greiner	Marsico	Regan
Barrar	Grove	McGinnis	Roae
Benninghoff	Hahn	Mentzer	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metcalfe	Sacone
Boback	Harris, A.	Metzgar	Sankey
Brown, R.	Heffley	Miccarelli	Santora
Causser	Helm	Millard	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Murt	Staats
Cutler	James	Mustio	Stephens
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Dush	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Truitt
Ellis	Killion	Peifer	Ward
Emrick	Klunk	Petri	Warner
English	Knowles	Pickett	Watson

Evankovich	Krieger	Pyle	Wentling
Everett	Lawrence	Quigley	Wheeland
Farry	Mackenzie	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fee	Maher	Rader	
Gabler	Major	Rapp	Turzai,
Gillen	Maloney	Reed	Speaker
Gillespie			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. D. COSTA offered the following amendment No. A00710:

Amend Bill, page 40, by inserting between lines 11 and 12  
(d) Additional county 911 charge.—In the event a PSAP has an operating deficit during the prior fiscal year, the governing body of the county served by the PSAP may generate additional revenues for a 911 system by levying and collecting a county 911 charge in addition to the surcharge authorized under subsection (a). The charge imposed may be up to 50¢ for each 911 communications service or prepaid wireless device for which a subscriber or consumer is billed by a provider or seller within the jurisdictional limits of the county. The following apply:

(1) Any charge imposed under this subsection shall be enacted by ordinance within the county prior to the collection of the charge. In order to impose the charge, the governing body of the county shall adopt an ordinance stating the amount of the charge. The ordinance may be adopted on or after the effective date of this subsection. The ordinance shall take effect no earlier than 30 days after the adoption of the ordinance. A certified copy of the ordinance shall be delivered to the agency within 10 days prior to or after the effective date of the ordinance. A certified copy of an ordinance to repeal the charge authorized under this subsection shall be delivered to the agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of repeal.

(2) Any revenue generated from a charge imposed under this subsection shall be deposited into the county's general fund and shall be used solely for the enhancement, operation or maintenance of a 911 system. If excess money remains available after expenditures to enhance, operate or maintain the 911 system in accordance with the Statewide 911 plan, the money shall be transferred to a restricted county fund established by a county to be used solely for the enhancement, operation or maintenance of the 911 system in subsequent fiscal years.

(3) A county manager of a county that imposes a charge shall certify to the agency, on an annual basis, the amount collected from the charge and the amount expended for the enhancement, operations and maintenance of a 911 system.

(4) The provider shall collect the charge in the same manner as provided for the collection of the surcharge under subsection (a).

(5) If a county imposes a 911 surcharge prior to the effective date of this subsection, the county is prohibited from levying and collecting such surcharge if the county opts to impose the additional 911 charge under this subsection.

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

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

Mr. D. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to try to be as brief as I can. I only have 911 pages to go through. Now that I got your attention.

Currently we are raising it \$190 million with the \$1; \$1.50 will raise us \$291 million – okay? That is what they need to operate right now – \$1.65 will raise us \$320 million. I rise to basically, I want to give a local option of 50 cents per call, per line, to our local communities. I believe that even if we go with the \$1.65 right now, we are going to be behind the eight ball, because that is what it is currently costing us right now is \$191 million.

So with the technology changing and the updates we want and the quality of people we need, I think we have seen people, operators falling asleep and things like that because they are not getting paid enough. If we give them enough, a local option, which they do not have to use at this present time, they do not have to use, then it will prevent them from coming back to us again to raise this again.

So I think the local option would be our best way to handle this problem, and it gives the counties the ability without affecting the \$1.65 that the chairman so graciously has done. And I do respect all the work of the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. I call upon the minority whip, Representative Hanna, from Clinton County.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of amendment 710, offered by the gentleman from Allegheny County. There are compelling reasons for my colleagues to support this amendment. An increase of up to 50 cents would ensure that no county would have to reduce the quality of services due to insufficient funding. Counties have been good stewards of the existing fee, and there is clearly a defined need.

Counties have achieved one of the best systems in the nation while operating on the same \$1 to \$1.50 monthly subscriber fee established in 1990. Access to 911 services is a public necessity. We know the public understands the value of the service they receive and would appreciate its provision at the fair cost proposed in this amendment. When any rate is unchanged for such a significant amount of time, system costs become overwhelming and begin to erode. The \$1.65 surcharge under this bill is insufficient for some of our counties. This amendment would permit those counties to address this problem themselves.

The County Commissioners Association submitted testimony to the House Veterans Affairs Committee, which included a chart showing that based on inflation alone the fees should really be \$1.97. Amendment 710 allows counties to have a charge that is much closer to this recommended fee. This amendment is simply a matter of fair and equitable funding that will meet the needs of the system for improvements.

Mr. Speaker, I believe in ensuring the safety of all of our residents and will be voting in favor of this amendment. I ask my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Barrar.

Chairman, if you would, Mr. Barrar, if you will just suspend for a second. I am going to call on – so that I can let you go last – Representative Miller has asked to speak.

Representative Miller of Allegheny County.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to join in support of the Costa amendment. I think the key thing here is that we are doing two things. One thing is we recognize the State's involvement in making sure that every county and every system has a baseline that operates in today's dollars and in today's needs.

What the Costa amendment does is it recognizes the additional buy-in and the additional scenarios to which counties may look to do other things or advance in other directions in their programs. To me, this is a type of logic that makes sense. We need to recognize that different parts of the State may prioritize different aspects of their 911 service, and they should be allowed the flexibility to fund those matters themselves and not be dependent upon the State going through this process every time technology changes, needs arise, or anything else along the line.

So I would ask everyone who is looking to have a system that is supported on all levels, that allows for updates to happen and allows for local counties a degree of autonomy on how to balance their needs, to support the Costa amendment and to recognize here as well that this is done to be sure that as costs increase, this gives them the flexibility in remaining neutral and not having to dive deeper and deeper into their General Fund balances to provide the basic service of public safety, to which government was based upon.

I would ask everybody to vote in the affirmative today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar, please.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I interrogate the maker of the amendment, please?

The SPEAKER. Representative Costa, will you stand for interrogation, please?

Mr. D. COSTA. Yes, I will.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some counties already impose some type of fee like this that they use for 911. Is there a prohibition in the language of your bill or do they have to repeal that if they adopt this, if we adopt this amendment?

Mr. D. COSTA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Basically, we did meet, and there is a clause in there, it is line number 5, that basically tells them that they cannot charge anything but the 50 cents in lieu of what they are charging now. So yes, it gives them a fair opportunity to raise the rate when they need it, revenue-neutral. And any other fee that is being charged would have to be eliminated if they choose to do so with this.

Mr. BARRAR. How would this surcharge be implemented? How would the counties— Do they have to pass it by an ordinance?

Mr. D. COSTA. Yes, sir. They would have to pass it by ordinance through their county councils or their commissioners.

Mr. BARRAR. Is this on landlines only? Is it cell phones? Is it VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), everything?

Mr. D. COSTA. It encompasses everything, sir, except for Wi-Fi.

Mr. BARRAR. Except for what?

Mr. D. COSTA. Wi-Fi, which is in—

Mr. BARRAR. Oh, okay. I am not sure how you would determine what— How would you determine what cell phones are actually in your county, just based upon where the bill goes?

Mr. D. COSTA. Well, basically, that is the logistical part that would have to be worked out with the carriers and things, but we do it today on other ones, so I see no problem with it. I just want to give our local counties the option, if they need to, to be able to use that.

Mr. BARRAR. Does it appear on the telephone bill now? They will have the regular surcharge for the 911. It will say county 911 surcharge, \$1.65. Under that it will say Allegheny County 911 surcharge, 50 cents?

Mr. D. COSTA. Like I said, that would be a logistical thing, but I believe that would be the correct way to do it.

Mr. BARRAR. Is there a firewall around the funds to make sure that it is in the language that says it can only be used for 911 purposes?

Mr. D. COSTA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. D. COSTA. Yes, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. Mr. Speaker, on the bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. I think the maker of the amendment's goal is admirable. We looked for that in committee. I would like to do something similar to this, but at this point in time I think there are problems with this the way it would be done. Now we are going to tax, even though we had a debate over dropping this fee to \$1.50, now we are going to take it up to well over \$2, and I think this is the wrong direction to go.

I would ask the members to vote against this amendment, and I think in the meantime, I know I have been in touch with some of the members in the Senate who said they are very interested in this, and hopefully we can work with them to try to get some type of a county tax in there before this bill comes back here for final passage.

I would ask the members to vote "no" on this. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—56

Bizzarro	Dean	Gibbons	Neuman
Bradford	Deasy	Goodman	O'Brien
Briggs	DeLissio	Hanna	Parker, C.
Brown, V.	DeLuca	Harkins	Parker, D.
Brownlee	Dermody	Harris, J.	Ravenstahl
Cohen	Donatucci	Kaufner	Roebuck
Conklin	Driscoll	Keller, W.	Sabatina
Costa, D.	English	Kinsey	Santarsiero
Costa, P.	Evans	Mahoney	Schlossberg
Daley, M.	Fabrizio	Markosek	Schweyer

Daley, P.	Frankel	Matzie	Sims
Davidson	Freeman	McCarter	Snyder
Davis	Gainey	McNeill	Waters
Dawkins	Galloway	Miller, D.	Youngblood

NAYS—133

Adolph	Gillespie	Marshall	Ross
Baker	Gingrich	Marsico	Rozzi
Barbin	Greiner	McGinnis	Saccone
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Sainato
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Samuelson
Bloom	Harhai	Metzgar	Sankey
Boback	Harhart	Miccarelli	Santora
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Millard	Saylor
Burns	Heffley	Miller, B.	Schemel
Caltagirone	Helm	Milne	Schreiber
Carroll	Hennessey	Moul	Simmons
Causar	Hickernell	Mullery	Sonney
Christiana	Hill	Murt	Staats
Corbin	Irvin	Mustio	Stephens
Cox	James	Nesbit	Tallman
Culver	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Taylor
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DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Truitt
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Ellis	Klunk	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Knowles	Pyle	Watson
Evankovich	Kortz	Quigley	Wentling
Everett	Kotik	Quinn	Wheatley
Farina	Krieger	Rader	Wheeland
Farry	Lawrence	Rapp	White
Fee	Longiatti	Readshaw	Zimmerman
Flynn	Mackenzie	Reed	
Gabler	Maher	Reese	Turzai,
Gergely	Major	Regan	Speaker
Gillen	Maloney	Roae	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. I understand that Representative Youngblood has withdrawn her amendments. Is that correct, Representative Youngblood? Yes.

So all the Representative Youngblood amendments will be withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. O'BRIEN offered the following amendment  
No. A00722:

Amend Bill, page 86, line 9, by striking out "a section" and inserting

sections  
Amend Bill, page 86, by inserting between lines 16 and 17  
§ 5314. Local option.

(a) Election to be held.—

(1) In any county, an election may be held on the date of the primary election immediately preceding any municipal election, but not more than once in four years, to determine the will of the electors with respect to the regionalization or consolidation of the 911 system within such county in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Where an election shall have been held at the primary election preceding a municipal election in any year, another election may be held under the provisions of this section at the primary election occurring the fourth year after such prior election.

(2) Whenever electors equal to at least 25% of the highest vote cast for any countywide office in the county at the last preceding general election shall file a petition with the county board of elections of the county, or the governing body of the county adopts, by a majority vote, a resolution to place such a question on the ballot and a copy of the resolution is filed with the board of elections of the county, for a referendum on the question of regionalization or consolidation of the 911 system in the county, the county board of elections shall cause a question to be placed on the ballot or on the voting machine board and submitted at the primary election immediately preceding the municipal election. The question shall be in the following form:

Do you favor the regionalization or consolidation of the 911 system in the (name of county) county with the 911 system of one or more counties in this geographic region?

(b) Vote.—

(1) If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes," then the governing body of the county shall, in consultation with the agency, develop a 911 plan for the regionalization or consolidation of the county's 911 system.

(2) If a majority of the electors voting on any such question vote "no," then the governing body of the county shall have no power to regionalize or consolidate the county's 911 system, unless and until, at a later election, a majority of the voting electors vote "yes" on such question.

(c) Voting proceedings.—Proceedings under this section shall be in accordance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

(d) Withdrawal of approval.—The referendum procedure contained in this section shall also be available to withdraw the approval of the regionalization or consolidation of such county's 911 system, which was granted through a prior referendum.

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

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides for a referendum on consolidation. What is it doing, in essence? If we have a situation, say in the southeastern part of the State, where Philadelphia and surrounding counties are consolidated, it makes a system that is heavy upon itself. So what we want to do here is we want a

clear and honest vetting of what this means, and we do this by putting it to a referendum to let the people, the taxpayers, decide on this. And I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to vote "no" on this. I really do not believe that this amendment is necessary. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—77

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

#### NAYS—112

Adolph	Greiner	McGinnis	Roae
Baker	Grove	Mentzer	Ross
Barrar	Hahn	Metcalfe	Saccone
Benninghoff	Harhart	Metzgar	Sankey
Bloom	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Santora
Boback	Heffley	Millard	Saylor
Brown, R.	Helm	Miller, B.	Schemel
Causar	Hennessey	Milne	Simmons
Christiana	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Corbin	Hill	Murt	Staats
Cox	Irvin	Mustio	Stephens
Culver	James	Nesbit	Tallman
Cutler	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Taylor
Day	Kampf	Oberlander	Tobash
Delozier	Kaufert	Ortity	Toepel
Diamond	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Toohil
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Payne	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Truitt
Dush	Killion	Petri	Ward
Ellis	Klunk	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Knowles	Pyle	Watson
English	Krieger	Quigley	Wentling
Evankovich	Lawrence	Quinn	Whealand
Everett	Mackenzie	Rader	White
Farry	Maher	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fee	Major	Reed	
Gabler	Maloney	Reese	Turzai,
Gillespie	Marshall	Regan	Speaker
Gingrich	Marsico		

NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **O'BRIEN** offered the following amendment No. **A00727**:

Amend Bill, page 86, line 9, by striking out "a section" and inserting sections

Amend Bill, page 86, by inserting between lines 16 and 17 § 5314. Moratorium on increase in real property tax.

During the period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending on the date occurring five years following the effective date of this section, a county shall not impose an increase in the rate of any tax imposed on real property in the county over the tax rate on real property in effect for the tax year immediately preceding the effective date of this section, if the purpose of the increase is to fund the county's 911 system.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative O'Brien.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is very, very simple. You do not get two bites at the apple. A number of counties have said if they do not get the extra funding, they are going to have to put on a real estate tax. Now, what this amendment does, it says you get one or the other. If you get one, it excludes you from the other, puts a 5-year moratorium on raising property taxes, real estate taxes, to cover it. Very simple. Very straightforward. Very necessary to protect the taxpayers of this State, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again I would ask the members for a "no" vote. I really do not see the necessity for this amendment. None of us do a 5-year moratorium on raising taxes for this purpose. There is just no way. The counties do not report to anybody when they are raising taxes like our school districts have to. None of us knows what the costs of the 911 systems are going to be 4 years from now. We do not know what they are going to be in 2 years from now.

To say that the counties cannot help fund their 911 centers with a property tax increase is wrong. I would ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—74

Barbin	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Parker, C.
Bizzarro	Dermody	Kavulich	Pashinski
Bradford	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petrarca
Briggs	Driscoll	Kim	Ravenstahl
Brown, V.	Evans	Kinsey	Readshaw
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kortz	Roebuck
Burns	Farina	Kotik	Rozzi
Carroll	Flynn	Longietti	Sabatina
Cohen	Frankel	Mahoney	Samuelson
Conklin	Freeman	Markosek	Santarsiero
Costa, D.	Gainey	Matzie	Schlossberg
Costa, P.	Galloway	McCarter	Schreiber
Daley, M.	Gergely	McNeill	Schweyer
Daley, P.	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Sims
Davidson	Gillen	Metzgar	Snyder
Davis	Goodman	Mullery	Waters
Dawkins	Hanna	Neuman	Wheatley
Dean	Harhai	O'Brien	Youngblood
Deasy	Harkins		

## NAYS—115

Adolph	Gingrich	Marsico	Ross
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Saccone
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Sainato
Benninghoff	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sankey
Bloom	Harhart	Millard	Santora
Boback	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Saylor
Brown, R.	Heffley	Miller, D.	Schemel
Caltagirone	Helm	Milne	Simmons
Causer	Hennessey	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Hickernell	Murt	Staats
Corbin	Hill	Mustio	Stephens
Cox	Irvin	Nesbit	Tallman
Culver	James	O'Neill	Taylor
Cutler	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Tobash
Day	Kampf	Ortitay	Toepel
Delozier	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Toohil
DeLuca	Kauffman	Payne	Topper
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Truitt
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Vitali
Dunbar	Killion	Pickett	Ward
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Warner
Ellis	Knowles	Quigley	Watson
Emrick	Krieger	Quinn	Wentling
English	Lawrence	Rader	Wheeland
Evankovich	Mackenzie	Rapp	White
Everett	Maher	Reed	Zimmerman
Farry	Major	Reese	
Fee	Maloney	Regan	Turzai,
Gabler	Marshall	Roae	Speaker
Gillespie			

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Godshall	Kirkland	Sturla
Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
Boyle	Hackett	Masser	Vereb
Cruz	Harper		

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

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

The SPEAKER. I believe this is our last amendment with respect to the underlying bill.

The good gentleman, Representative Ravenstahl, calls up amendment 740, which the clerk will read.

Okay. I apologize, Representative Ravenstahl. That amendment has been withdrawn.

I just want to make sure amendment 741, Representative Kortz, is withdrawn? And Representative Kampf's 751 is withdrawn?

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

## SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C CONTINUED

### BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 178, PN 1213**, entitled:

An Act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; and designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentelady, Representative Snyder, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes Representative Snyder for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mrs. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Senate amended HB 178 to add four more naming designations, and I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on concurrence. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

### YEAS—189

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

### NAYS—0

### NOT VOTING—0

### EXCUSED—14

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Bishop	Grell	Lewis	Thomas
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

**HB 178, PN 1213**

An Act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; and designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Members, I would like to recognize Chairman Bill Adolph for a committee announcement.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning at 10:45 there will be a House Appropriations meeting in the majority caucus room. Tomorrow morning at 10:45, House Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Tomorrow morning at 10:45 there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

**BILLS RECOMMITTED**

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

HB 263;  
HB 455;  
HB 475;  
HB 516;  
HB 629;  
HB 696;  
HB 857;  
HB 911; and  
HB 934.

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

**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

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

HB 367;  
HB 664;  
HB 720;  
HB 743;  
HB 863;  
HB 866; and  
HB 875.

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

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Chairman Keith Gillespie of York County, moves that this House be adjourned until Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Thank you.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 6:42 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.