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

PRAYER

The SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PASTOR LESTER ZIMMERMAN, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us bow our heads:

Almighty God, we begin this day by acknowledging Your sovereignty over this nation, this State, this House, and each of our lives. We thank You for Your hand of mercy and grace over us. We pause in the midst of all the important and far-reaching decisions that need to be made and ask for Your godly wisdom and guidance upon this body.

I thank You for each member of this House and ask that You would grant them new and creative ideas for the challenges they face. Grant each of these members the strength and courage needed to lead in accordance with the standard You have set forth for ruling with righteousness, justice, and compassion.

Today I pray a blessing on our Governor, on the members of this House and Senate – a blessing of Your abiding presence, a blessing of refreshment on the weary, a blessing of hope on the discouraged, a blessing of united wisdom for the tough issues before them, and a blessing of peace and health on their families.

I pray for safety and protection over those that serve to protect us and on our leaders and citizens. May we find favor in Your sight, and may You bless this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I pray all these things in the name of my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)
An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for misrepresentation of age to participate in gambling activities and for underage gambling, and further providing for representing that minor is of age, for inducement of minors to buy liquor or malt or brewed beverages, for carrying a false identification card, for restriction of operating privileges, for predisposition evaluation and for definitions.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 8, 2017.

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for requirements for prescribers.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, February 8, 2017.

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for requirements for prescribers.

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, February 8, 2017.

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for eligibility for license.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 8, 2017.

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in entertainment production tax credit, further providing for definitions, for credit for qualified film production expenses and for limitations.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 8, 2017.
No. 399 By Representatives EMRICK, DUNBAR, CUTLER, O'NEILL, IRVIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LAWRENCE, ROEBUCK, ZIMMERMAN and WARD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for evaluation of applications for certification.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 8, 2017.

No. 400 By Representatives CAUSER, BARRAR, D. COSTA, COX, EVERETT, FARRY, GABLER, A. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, PHILLIPS-HILL, KORTZ, MASSER, MENTZER, MURT, OBERLANDER, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, SNYDER, THOMAS, WARD, WATSON and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for support of emergency medical services; in general provisions, further providing for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 8, 2017.

No. 401 By Representatives GROVE, MARSICO, PICKETT, ORTITAY, BLOOM, BAKER, RYAN, NEILSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, MILLARD, D. COSTA, LAWRENCE and WARD

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in jurisdiction of appellate courts, providing for commerce court program; and, in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for commerce courts.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 8, 2017.

No. 402 By Representatives GROVE, RYAN, BLOOM, GREINER, MILLARD, KAUFFMAN, V. BROWN, B. MILLER, A. HARRIS, COX, ZIMMERMAN and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for procedure; providing for reimbursement against wrongful claims; further providing for construction and exclusiveness of remedy; repealing provisions relating to local human relations commissions; and prohibiting local human relations commissions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 8, 2017.

No. 403 By Representatives GROVE, KAUFFMAN, RAPP, O'NEILL, SANKEY, BARRAR and HELM

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other subjects of taxation, repealing provisions regarding local option cigarette tax in school districts of the first class.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 8, 2017.

No. 404 By Representatives EVANKOVICH, DOWLING, GABLER, A. HARRIS, HARPER, ZIMMERMAN, BERNSTINE, IRVIN, BENNINGHOFF, EVERETT, TURZAI and MOUL

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 8, 2017.

No. 405 By Representatives WARNER, SAYLOR, DUNBAR, CUTLER, TOEPEL, GROVE, STEPHENS, D. COSTA, WARD, KAUFFMAN, BLOOM, MILLARD, ORTITAY, ZIMMERMAN, SANKEY, SIMMONS, RADER, GABLER and GILLEN

An Act providing for performance-based budgeting; establishing the Performance-Based Budget Board and providing for its powers and duties; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Independent Fiscal Office.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 8, 2017.

No. 406 By Representatives MURT, D. COSTA and NEILSON

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further providing for dental technicians and prescriptions.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 8, 2017.

No. 407 By Representatives MURT, BULLOCK, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, D. COSTA, COX, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, FRANKEL, GABLER, GALLOWAY, J. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HILL-EVANS, IRVIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY, McCLINTON, MILLARD, O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SAYLOR, SCHWEYER and WATSON

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, providing for the offense of female mutilation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 8, 2017.

No. 408 By Representatives MURT, D. MILLER, BOBACK, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, BULLOCK, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, DEAN, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, KINSEY, NEILSON, PASHINSKI, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, STURLA and WARD
An Act establishing a bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; and conferring powers and duties on the Department of Human Services.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, February 8, 2017.

No. 415 By Representatives MURT, BAKER, BARRAR, BOBACK, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CHARLTON, D. COSTA, DAVIDSON, DEASY, DRISCOLL, FARRY, GABLER, GOODMAN, MACKENZIE, MATZIE, McNEILL, NEILSON, ROTHMAN, ROZZI, STURLA, WARD and WATSON

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 definitions and for inheritance tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 8, 2017.

No. 416 By Representatives MURT, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, DEAN, DRISCOLL, DUSH, FARRY, FREEMAN, GILLEN, JAMES, W. KELLER, McNEILL, D. MILLER, NEILSON, ORTITAY, READSHAW, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, SIMMONS, SOLOMON, WARD and WATSON

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy and for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation; and providing for therapy dogs and public transportation and unlawful discriminatory practices.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 8, 2017.

No. 417 By Representatives GODSHALL, D. COSTA, DEAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARSHALL, MOUL, MURT, SANTORA, STEPHENS, STURLA, WARD and WATSON

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in conservation and natural resources, providing for water well construction standards.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, February 8, 2017.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 170, PN 146
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 8, 2017.

SB 181, PN 276
Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 8, 2017.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 99, PN 424 (Amended) By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contracts, further providing for regulation of contracts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 50, PN 425 (Amended) By Rep. HARPER

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the fiscal impact on Commonwealth agencies and local governmental agencies for implementation of the Right-to-Know Law and to make recommendations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for Eric NELSON of Westmoreland County for the day and Greg ROTHMAN of Cumberland County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

Our prayers are with Eric and his son. We hope they are doing well.

The minority whip requests leave of absence for Mark ROZZI of Berks County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now turn to the master roll. Members will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESEN—199

Baker Emrick Knowles Rabb
Barbin English Kortz Rader
Barrar Evankovich Krueger Rapp
Benninghoff Evans Kull Ravenstahl
Bernstine Everett Lawrence Readshaw
Bizzarro Fabrizio Lewis Reed
Bloom Farry Longietti Reese
Boback Fee Mackenzie Roae
Boyle Fitzgerald Madden Roe
Bradford Flynn Mahler Roebuck
Briggs Frankel Mako Ryan
Brown, R. Freeman Maloney Sacco
Brown, V. Fritz Markosek Sainato
Bullock Gabler Marshall Schemel
Burns Gainey Marsico Sankey
Caltagirone Galloway Masser Santora
Carroll Gergely Matzie Saylor
Causor Gillen McCarter Schmel
Cephas Gillespie McClinton Schlossberg
The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-nine members having voted on the master roll, we have a quorum. Members, we are going to be introducing guests, so I would ask you to please take your seats. Members, please take your seats.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, we welcome the Guest Chaplain’s wife, Erma, and Priscilla Eberly, who works in Representative Zimmerman’s district office. Thanks so much for being with us today. Thank you. Reverend, you too, thank you for such a gracious prayer.

Representative Simmons has a guest, Joe Mandrusiak. He is a regional director with respect to the party and from his district. Please rise. Thank you for being here with us today.

Dr. Galen Godbey and Corentin Coco Bauchet, an international student from France, are here as guests of Representative Schlossberg. Will they please rise. It is great to have you here today. Thank you so much. You are going to have to let us know how democracy in America works in comparison to democracy in France. Our good friend, Representative Schlossberg, is going to opine on that as well.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes guests of Representative Rozzi. And they are here today – this is really quite something, so I would ask everybody to please take your seats. Please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. I would ask any conversations to take place off the House floor.

Staff members, if you cannot find a seat or a location, if you could, hold off on the conversations for now. These few individuals are here to honor the Independence Day for the Dominican Republic. And as I call your name, please rise or wave your hand if you are all standing, just wave your hand when I call your name. Delfín José Vasquez is the founder and president of the Dominican Association of Pennsylvania. Thank you so much for being with us today. We also have Patricia Vasquez, Maria O’Neal, Antonio Lista, Ramiro Rivera, and Yohisa Pourier. Thank you so much for being with us today. Great to have you.

STATEMENT BY MR. CRUZ

The SPEAKER. Representative Angel Cruz is recognized on unanimous consent. You may proceed, sir. Mr. CRUZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, as the only Latino representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania want to welcome the Dominican community to the House of Representatives.

(Remarks in Spanish.)

Mr. CRUZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Cruz.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Now, Representative Marcia Hahn has some special guests. They are in the rear of the House. As I call your name, please rise. We are excited to have you here. Melissa Pitts, Alex Pitts, Kate Chalfin, Ben Stear, Jane Street, Ann McClung, Ken Stear, Matthew Rodreick, Dr. Michael Lane, Allison Limpert, and Jack Limpert. Thank you so much for being with us today.

Now, I also have a group of Future Farmers of America here, but Representative Mark Keller will be introducing them with HR 67. So we will be getting to you, guests.

And then also we have some guests, in the rear of the House, from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Representative Phillips-Hill will be introducing them with HR 19.

And one other guest right now. To the left of the rostrum, Representative Dan Frankel brings us an intern in his district office, Shaylyn "Reilly" Galvin, who is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in communications and theater arts. Thank you so much for being with us today.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. HILL called up HR 19, PN 21, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of January 2017 as "School Director Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.
Mrs. EVANS called up HR 51, PN 239, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2, 2017, as “Explore York County Tourism Day” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. CAUSER called up HR 52, PN 240, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 13 through 19, 2017, as “Maple Producers Week” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. GOODMAN called up HR 53, PN 275, entitled:


Mr. SCHLOSSBERG called up HR 54, PN 276, entitled:


Mr. STEPHENS called up HR 57, PN 279, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 24, 2017, as “Keith Valley Challenge Day” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. HANNA called up HR 60, PN 370, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 8, 2017, as “Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day” in Pennsylvania and urging the National Institutes of Health to recognize “Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day” and to advance research relating to peripartum cardiomyopathy.

Mr. MURT called up HR 64, PN 343, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2017 as “Cervical Cancer Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURT called up HR 65, PN 344, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2017 as “Career and Technical Education Month” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURT called up HR 67, PN 345, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 18 through 25, 2017, as “FFA Week” in Pennsylvania.

Mr. WHEATLEY called up HR 68, PN 346, entitled:


Mr. FABRIZIO called up HR 69, PN 347, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of February 2017 as “National Cancer Prevention Month” in Pennsylvania.

Ms. McCLINTON called up HR 71, PN 371, entitled:


Mrs. WARD called up HR 72, PN 372, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 12 through 18, 2017, as “Cardiac Rehabilitation Week” in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. WARD called up HR 73, PN 373, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 12 through 18, 2017, as “Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–199

Baker Emrick Knowles Rabb
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Boyle Fitzgerald Malden Roe
Bradford Flynn Maher Roebuck
Briggs Frankel Mako Ryan
Brown, R. Freeman Maloney Saconce
Brown, V. Fritz Markosek Sainato
Bullock Gabler Marshall Samuelson
Burns Gainey Marsico Sankey
Caltagirone Galloway Masser Santora
Carroll Gergely Matzie Saylor
Causer Gillen McCarter Schermel
Cephas Gillespie McClintock Schlossberg
Charlton Godshall McGinnis Schweyer
Christiana Goodman McNeill Simmons
Comitta Greiner Mehaffie Sims
HIV – human immunodeficiency virus – has taken a horrific toll across all population spectrums since it was first detected in the United States in the 1970s. But for African-Americans, the toll is especially appalling. African-American males are almost eight times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV infection compared with Caucasian males. African-American females are 23 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV infection than Caucasian females. African-Americans account for 44 percent of all new HIV infections. And African-Americans maintain the highest death rate among all populations diagnosed with HIV. This year's observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day marks the 17th year of the cause. But now more than ever, it is important for African-Americans to learn their HIV status and talk about prevention and care options.

We all have a stake in reducing the incidence of HIV and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), the last stage of HIV infection. Over 90 percent of new HIV infections in the United States could be prevented by diagnosing people living with HIV and ensuring they receive early, ongoing treatment. Increasing testing and access to care, improving health outcomes, and addressing HIV-related health disparities among communities of color are critical strategies for stopping HIV and AIDS. Testing and awareness are so critical because while no cure currently exists for HIV, it can be controlled. Today someone with HIV and treated before the disease is far advanced can live nearly as long as someone who does not have HIV.

I encourage you to research all that can be done to stop the spread of HIV through education, testing, involvement, and treatment. And please support efforts by groups like Healthy Black Communities, Inc., to ultimately eradicate HIV and AIDS in the Black community, and subsequently in all communities. Please become a frontline soldier in this battle. It is a fight none of us can afford to lose.

Again, thank you for your support. And thank you for recognizing the importance of February 7 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Pennsylvania and every community in the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. And then Representative Mike Hanna will be submitting remarks on HR 60, and please proceed, Representative Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will submit my remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. And hopefully I say it correctly, but it is on Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day.

Mr. HANNA. That is correct, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 60 designates February 8, 2017, as "Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, peripartum cardiomyopathy is a form of heart failure during pregnancy or postpregnancy.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced this resolution on behalf of Heather Moore, a constituent who developed the disease when she became pregnant with her son at age 29. Heather received a late diagnosis, suffered multiorgan failure, a stroke, and spent 3 months in the hospital on a heart pump. As a result, this disease prevented her son from surviving. Heather was the first person on the area's heart transplant list for weeks.
While Heather has since fully recovered, she can never get her son back. Heather's doctors told her she cannot have more children, even though she is otherwise healthy, because the risk of peripartum cardiomyopathy grows with each pregnancy.

The exact cause of this disease is unknown. Diagnosis is not always made right away, as some conditions associated with pregnancy – like fatigue, swelling of the ankles, and shortness of breath – are also symptoms of peripartum cardiomyopathy and can mask its presence.

Mr. Speaker, it is important for the public, health-care professionals, and patients to learn more about this disease so that we can protect mothers and their babies.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. In this order members will be invited to speak: Representative Phillips-Hill will speak on HR 19, Representative Stephens will speak on HR 57, Representative Murt will speak on HR 64 followed by HR 65, Representative Mark Keller will speak on HR 67, Representative Joanna McClinton will speak on HR 71, and Representative Judy Ward will speak on HRs 72 and 73.

STATEMENT BY MRS. HILL

The SPEAKER. We will begin with Representative Phillips-Hill.

Members, I would ask that you please give your attention to each of our colleagues who will be speaking on these important resolutions, and many of them do have guests here today with them. Please, members, take your seats. Members, please take your seats.

And you may proceed, Representative.

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank the members for their unanimous support of HR 19, which designated January 2017 as "School Director Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

Here today with me on the floor are Mark Miller, Pennsylvania School Boards Association president and school board director from Centennial School District; Kathy Swope, Pennsylvania School Boards Association immediate past president and board president in Lewisburg Area School District; Michael Faccinetto, Pennsylvania School Boards Association president-elect and the board president at Bethlehem Area School District; and Sandra Miller, Saucon Valley School District school board director. Thank you so much for joining us here today.

Author Neil Postman said, "Public education does not serve a public. It creates a public. And in creating the right kind of public, the schools contribute toward strengthening the spiritual basis of the American Creed."

Public education is more than just learning basic math, science, English, and history. It is a platform for students to reach their greatest potential. It inspires hope in each new generation for a successful future.

Pennsylvania’s school districts exist because individuals volunteer their time to make informed decisions about the issues facing our public schools. Every January we celebrate these individuals, the nine elected school board members in each school district across the Commonwealth who serve our students, our communities, and our educational system.

School directors volunteer, on average, 20 hours a month to help run schools in our communities. School boards make difficult decisions for the betterment of our students. They vote on multimillion-dollar budgets, hire staff, select textbooks, review bus schedules and curriculum, to name just a few. These dedicated volunteers reside in our communities. They are our friends, our neighbors; they are community leaders, parents at our schools, and engaged senior citizens.

So today it is my great pleasure to welcome them to the hall of the House, school board directors from across our Commonwealth, so that during the month of January this recognition will be able to show our appreciation for their service.

So on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, thank you so much for your time, your effort, and your dedication to public education's advancement. Thank you for your advocacy and for making difficult decisions, and most importantly, thank you for making our students' success your priority.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Phillips-Hill.

To President Swope, President Miller, President Faccinetto, thank you for your hard work on behalf of the schools across the Commonwealth.

STATEMENT BY MR. STEPHENS

The SPEAKER. Our next speaker will be Representative Todd Stephens, recognized to speak on HR 57.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to rise and thank the members for your unanimous support of HR 57. Like many of the resolutions that we move forward here in this chamber, this resolution recognizes students for outstanding accomplishments, and in particular, this one hits close to home.

These are students at my alma mater in the Hatboro-Horsham School District. Back in 1977 an eighth grade boy, unfortunately, succumbed to a fatal congenital heart defect, and his classmates, back in 1977, decided to start a floor hockey marathon in an effort to raise funds for research at St. Christopher's Children's Hospital in Philadelphia in honor of their friend who had passed away.

Since 1977 what has come to be known as the Keith Valley Challenge has continued on for 40 years. Eighth graders at Keith Valley Middle School in the Hatboro-Horsham School District continue the 17-hour nonstop floor hockey marathon. It is a rite of passage for those of us that attended or attend Keith Valley Middle School.

And I am so proud to say that over the last 40 years the students at Keith Valley, the eighth graders have collected and contributed, donated over a million dollars to research for different charities serving children. This year's beneficiary is the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

And February 24, 2017, has now been designated "Keith Valley Challenge Day" across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I thank the members for their support. And more importantly, I thank the students, the faculty, and the parents at the Keith Valley Middle School for continuing to keep this tradition alive and allowing these students to continue helping other students.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Stephens.

STATEMENTS BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt. He will be speaking on HR 64. When he has completed those remarks, I will recognize him for HR 65.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 64, recognizing January as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, this educational outreach is critical as cervical cancer is highly preventable with regular screenings. As most cervical cancers are caused by the HPV (human papillomavirus) virus, these infections can be prevented with vaccinations. But while the incidence of cervical cancer is dropping, 12,000 women every year are diagnosed with this disease. Even with the availability of very safe and effective HPV vaccines, too many women fail to take advantage of this preventive measure and many fail to have screenings. About half of all cervical cancer cases are women who have never been screened, and 10 percent of the cases are in women who have never been screened in the last 5 years. By increasing cervical cancer awareness among females, especially underserved women, we will decrease the likelihood of developing cervical cancer. This awareness, coupled with early detection and immunization, can successfully treat cervical cancer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Murt, you are recognized on HR 65.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, many of us would like to see every child achieve success at the highest levels of education, but we have to be candid and realize that not every child benefits from a traditional 4-year college. Nationally, career and technical education programs are changing to meet the country's educational and skill needs, and in the process, they are changing the lives across this Commonwealth. These programs create an educational environment that combines core academics with real-world application.

Career and technical education affects 14 million students in 1300 public high schools and 1700 2-year colleges nationwide. Mr. Speaker, the mission is to prepare students for success in college and careers by helping them develop the skills, technical knowledge, academic rigor, and real-world experience for high-skill, high-demand, and highly successful careers. This is why we must commit ourselves to helping high schools partner with colleges and employers that offer real-world education and hands-on training that will lead to good jobs and careers. Career and technical education acknowledges that not everyone needs a 4-year degree to be successful, but instead, that a combination of postsecondary education and industry-recognized credentials, and apprenticeships, lead to family-sustaining jobs and careers.

Mr. Speaker, our State economic growth is linked to the strength and skills of our future workforce. We must work to ensure that students of all ages are prepared not only for college but for successful careers. This is why I thank everyone for passing HR 65 to declare February "Career and Technical Education Month" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Murt.

STATEMENT BY MR. KELLER

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Keller is here with some important guests.

I would ask all the members to please take your seats. Members, please take your seats.

Representative Keller, you may proceed.

Mr. M. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Colleagues, I want to thank you for your unanimous vote on HR 67, which actually designates the week of February 18 through 25 as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

The National FFA Organization, the FFA (Future Farmers of America), has grown from its agricultural beginnings into a broad-spectrum leadership incubator. The FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and men with diverse backgrounds, and membership has reached an all-time record high, that there are more than 640,000 FFA members in 50 States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. More than 13,000 young people across this Commonwealth continue to wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket that distinguishes the FFA members.

At this time I would like to have my colleagues welcome the State board of FFA, and as I call your name, if you would please rise – they are to the left of the Speaker – Libby Baker-Mikesell, president; Jacob Kline, vice president; Sarah Gonzalez, secretary; Jill Palmer, reporter; Garrett Jenkins, sentinel; and of course their executive director, Mike Brammer. Would we give them a warm welcome.

Again I thank my colleagues for voting unanimously on this resolution, which indicates FFA Week in February. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Keller, and thank you to the Future Farmers of America for being here.

STATEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. Representative Joanna McClinton is recognized to speak on HR 71.

Members, please take your seats.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a civil rights hero, Rosa Parks, who is best known for taking a stand by refusing to stand. My resolution designates February 4, the day of her birth, as "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

At age 42 she refused to give up her seat to a White man on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. In some tellings of the story, people say that she was tired at the end of her workday. Mrs. Parks said it a little bit differently. She said, "The only tired I was, was tired of giving in." She also later said that the murder victim, Emmett Till, was on her mind when she refused to give up her seat.

Mrs. Parks was arrested. She lost her job on December 1, 1955. A 381-day bus boycott began on December 5 of 1955, and it lasted until December 20 of 1956. This boycott is often known as the spark to the civil rights movement in America, and it was very successful. The bus system was later integrated by law.

Rosa Parks had already been a very active member in the civil rights movement long before that. In fact, she continued to do so long afterward. For example, she fought against housing
discrimination in Detroit, and she also traveled nationally to support efforts such as the Selma-to-Montgomery marches. She inspired countless civil rights activists in her lifetime, and she continues to inspire today.

I am encouraged to know that one woman moved by faith, conviction, and bravery can change the course of history. Upon her death in 2005, Mrs. Parks became the first woman in the United States history to lie in honor at the United States Capitol Rotunda.

I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognizing "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I thank the members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus for joining me as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative McClinton. Very stirring remarks.

STATEMENT BY MRS. WARD

The SPEAKER. Representative Ward is now recognized to speak first on HR 72, followed by remarks on HR 73.

Mrs. WARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the members for their support of HR 72. Continuing on this heart-themed week, HR 72 recognizes "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week," February 12 through February 18. Cardiac Rehabilitation Week draws attention to the role of cardiac rehabilitation in reducing the potential devastating effects of heart disease through diet, exercise, and reduction of risk factors, such as smoking, for patients who have had a cardiac event.

Cardiac rehabilitation is a medically supervised program for people who have had a heart attack, heart failure, heart valve surgery, coronary artery bypass grafting, or percutaneous coronary intervention. Cardiac programs around the country celebrate annually in February.

How do I know so much about this? I was a cardiac rehab nurse for 17 of my 21 years as a hospital nurse and I loved it. To all the cardiac rehab professionals out there, thank you for what you do to bring health and confidence to your patients and our communities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Ward.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Ward, on HR 73.

Mrs. WARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR 73 recognizes "Pulmonary Rehab Week," March 12 through March 18, and I will submit my remarks for the record. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Mrs. WARD submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 73 recognizes Pulmonary Rehab Week as March 12 through 18. Pulmonary Rehab Week honors the profession by drawing attention to the role of pulmonary rehabilitation in enhancing the quality of life of individuals with lung disease. Pulmonary rehab is a program of exercise, education, and support to help individuals with lung disease learn to breathe and function at the highest level possible. National Pulmonary Rehab Week occurs annually in March.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MUSTIO called up HR 75, PN 401, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–199

Baker Emrick Knowles Rabb
Barbin English Kortz Rader
Barrar Evankovich Krueger Rapp
Benninghoff Evans Kulp Ravenstahl
Bernistine Everett Lawrence Readshaw
Bizzarro Fabrizio Lewis Reed
Bloom Farry Longietti Reese
Boback Fee Mackenzie Roae
Boyle Fitzgerald Madden Roe
Bradford Flynn Maher Roebuck
Briggs Frankel Mako Ryan
Brown, R. Freeman Maloney Saccone
Brown, V. Fritz Markosek Sainato
Burns Gainey Marsico Sankey
Caltagirone Galloway Masser Santora
Carroll Gergely Matzie Saylor
Causser Gillen McClintock Shchebel
Cephas Gillespie McClinnton Schlossberg
Charlton Godshall McGinnis Schweryer
Christiana Goodman McNeill Simmons
Comitta Greiner Meaffie Sims
Conklin Grove Mentzer Snyder
Cook Haggerty Metcalfe Solomon
Corbin Hahn Metzgar Sonney
Corr Hanna Micarelli Statts
Costa, D. Harkins Millard Stephens
Costa, P. Harper Miller, B. Sturla
Cox Harris, A. Miller, D. Tallman
Cruz Harris, J. Milne Taylor
Culver Heffley Mouls Thomas
Cutler Helm Mullery Toole
Daley Hennessey Murt Toppe
Davidson Hickey Mustio Toohey
Davis Hill Neilson Toper
Dawkins Irvin Nesbit Vitali
Day James Neuman Walsh
Dean Dayo O'Brien Ward
Deasy Kampf O'Neill Warner
DeLissio Kauffer Oberlander Warn
DeLuca Kauffman Ortitay Watson
Dermody Keifer Orth Pashinski Wentling
Diamond Keller, F. Petrarca Wheeland
DiGiroldo Keller, M.K. Petri White
Donatucci Keller, W. Pickett Youngblood
Dowling Kim Pyle Zimmermann
Driscoll Kinsey Quigley Zumber
Dunbar Kirkland Quinn, C. Turzai
Dush Klunk Quinn, M. Speaker

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0
The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

**CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 7, PN 13,** entitled:

A Resolution observing February 12, 2017, as the 208th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–199**

Baker  Emrick  Knowles  Rabb
Barbin  English  Kortz  Rader
Barrar  Evankovich  Krueger  Rapp
Benninghoff  Evans  Kulik  Ravenstahl
Bernistine  Everett  Lawrence  Readshaw
Bizzarro  Fabrizio  Lewis  Reed
Bloom  Farry  Longietti  Reese
Boback  Fee  Mackenzie  Roe
Boyle  Fitzgerald  Madden  Roebuck
Bradford  Flynn  Maher  Ryan
Briggs  Frankel  Mako  Saconce
Brown, R.  Freeman  Maloney  Sainato
Brown, V.  Fritz  Markosek  Schlossberg
Bullock  Gabler  Marshall  Simmons
Burns  Gainey  Marsico  Simms
Caltagirone  Galloway  Masser  Santora
Carroll  Gergely  Matzie  Saylor
Causer  Gillen  McClintoon  Schremel
Cephas  Gillespie  McClintoon  Schuyler
Charlton  Godshall  Mcginnis  Schuller
Christian  Goodman  McNeill  Simmons
Comitta  Greiner  Meaffie  Sims
Conklin  Grove  Menther  Snyder
Cook  Haggerty  Metcale  Solomon
Corbin  Hahn  Metze  Sonney
Core  Hanna  Mccarelli  Staats
Co  Dorothy  Harkins  Millard  Stephens
Costa, D.  Harkins  Millard  Stephens
Costa, P.  Harper  Miller, D.  Tallman
Cox  Harris, A.  Miller, D.  Tallman
Cruz  Harris, J.  Milne  Taylor
Culver  Hefley  Moul  Thomas
Cutler  Helm  Mullery  Toepel
Daley  Hennessey  Murt  Toobil
Davidson  Hickernell  Mustio  Topper
Davis  Hill  Neilson  Topper
Dawkins  Irvin  Nesbit  Vitali
Day  James  Neuman  Walsh
Dean  Jozwiak  O'Brien  Ward
Deasy  Kampf  O'neill  Warner
DeLisio  Kauffer  Oberlander  Warren
Delozier  Kaufman  Ortity  Watson
DeLuca  Kavulich  Padinoki  Wentling
Demody  Keefler  Peifer  Wheatley
Diamond  Keller, F.  Petrarca  Wheeland
DiGirolamo  Keller, M.K.  Pettit  White
Donatucci  Keller, W.  Pickett  Youngblood

**NAYS–0**

**NOT VOTING–0**

**EXCUSED–3**

Nelson  Rothman  Rozzi

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

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Mr. QUIGLEY called up **HR 46, PN 183,** entitled:

A Resolution recognizing December 26, 2016, as the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Trenton.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–199**

Baker  Emrick  Knowles  Rabb
Barbin  English  Kortz  Rader
Barrar  Evankovich  Krueger  Rapp
Benninghoff  Evans  Kulik  Ravenstahl
Bernistine  Everett  Lawrence  Readshaw
Bizzarro  Fabrizio  Lewis  Reed
Bloom  Farry  Longietti  Reese
Boback  Fee  Mackenzie  Roe
Boyle  Fitzgerald  Madden  Roebuck
Bradford  Flynn  Maher  Ryan
Briggs  Frankel  Mako  Saconce
Brown, R.  Freeman  Maloney  Sainato
Brown, V.  Fritz  Markosek  Schlossberg
Bullock  Gabler  Marshall  Simmons
Burns  Gainey  Marsico  Simms
Caltagirone  Galloway  Masser  Santora
Carroll  Gergely  Matzie  Saylor
Causer  Gillen  McClintoon  Schremel
Cephas  Gillespie  McClintoon  Schuyler
Charlton  Godshall  Mcginnis  Schuller
Christian  Goodman  McNeill  Simmons
Comitta  Greiner  Meaffie  Sims
Conklin  Grove  Menther  Snyder
Cook  Haggerty  Metcale  Solomon
Corbin  Hahn  Metze  Sonney
Core  Hanna  Mccarelli  Staats
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Costa, D.  Harkins  Millard  Stephens
Costa, P.  Harper  Miller, D.  Tallman
Cox  Harris, A.  Miller, D.  Tallman
Cruz  Harris, J.  Milne  Taylor
Culver  Hefley  Moul  Thomas
Cutler  Helm  Mullery  Toepel
Daley  Hennessey  Murt  Toobil
Davidson  Hickernell  Mustio  Topper
Davis  Hill  Neilson  Topper
Dawkins  Irvin  Nesbit  Vitali
Day  James  Neuman  Walsh
Dean  Jozwiak  O'Brien  Ward
Deasy  Kampf  O'neill  Warner
Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 59, PN 294**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the importance of finding the cause and a cure for multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 5 through 11, 2017, as “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week” in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–199**

- Baker
- Barbin
- Barrar
- Benninghoff
- Bernstein
- Bizzarro
- Bloom
- Boback
- Boyle
- Bradford
- Briggs
- Brown, R.
- Brown, V.
- Bullock
- Burns
- Campargione
- Carroll
- Casper
- Cephas
- Charlton
- Christiana
- Comitta
- Conklin
- Cook
- Corbin
- Cor
- Costa, D.
- Costa, P.
- Cox

**NAYS–0**

- Cruz
- Culver
- Cutler
- Daley
- Davidson
- Davis
- Dawkins
- Day
- De
- Deasy
- DeLissio
- DeLuca
- Dermody
- DiGirolamo
- Donatucci
- Dowling
- Driscoll
- Dunbar
- Dunbar
- Ellis

**NOT VOTING–0**

- NAYS–0
- NOT VOTING–0
- EXCUSED–3

- Nelson
- Rothman
- Rozzi

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

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Mr. MATZIE, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My fellow cochair of the House MS (multiple sclerosis) Caucus, State Representative Marguerite Quinn of Bucks County, and I thank you for your unanimous adoption of HR 59, designating March 5 through 11 as “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week” in Pennsylvania.

I speak from the heart about MS. It is a cruel, unpredictable, and often disabling disease that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans and 24,000 Pennsylvanians. My father, Andrew, suffered with this horrible disease for many years. His vision problems were misdiagnosed for decades as having been caused by damage to his optic nerve. He is blind in one eye, and unfortunately, the last 3 months he has had continual ministrokes in his good eye and his vision is slowly dissipating. He just turned 83 in December and he still has his mind, he still pays attention to what is going on in the world and is ready for a good debate at times, listens to the television and music, and still has his good spirit. He often cites faith and his belief in the Almighty for keeping him on the right track.

I have told you before about my mother's chronic issues in the past, but she is his primary caregiver. So a lot of issues that we face here in the General Assembly deal with health insurance, health pharmaceutical drugs, etc., and I speak firsthand in watching my two elderly parents go through the
misdiagnoses and misunderstandings are tragic aspects of this disease that is detected in about 200 people every week. In early MS, symptoms may be nonspecific and suggestive of several nervous system disorders. To make matters worse, early symptoms that come and go may be ignored, harming the patient and disrupting families from top to bottom.

MS disrupts the flow of information between the brain and body and manifests itself in myriad ways, including fatigue, weakness, balance problems, paralysis, blindness, and depression, just to name a few. It can differ in severity, with about 90 percent of those diagnosed having relapsing-remitting MS, where they experience periodic relapses.

MS affects about twice as many women as men. Women between ages 20 and 40 are especially at risk. While environmental and genetic factors have been linked to MS, no specific cause has been discovered and there is no known cure.

We urge everyone to learn more about MS, and a good starting point is at the National MS Society Web site, nationalmssociety.org. We also urge all Pennsylvanians to become active in raising funds and awareness through events like Walk MS and Bike MS.

If you have lived it, as I have with my father, you would want to do all you can to put a stop to this disruptive and unpredictable disease. We thank you for standing with us and designating March 5 through March 11 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

A person's risk of developing MS increases if a close family member has MS, but there is currently no way to predict which family members will develop MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide.

The cause of MS is still unknown. Scientists believe the disease is triggered by an as-yet-unidentified environmental factor in a person who is genetically predisposed to respond. Research reveals that people with MS live an average of about 7 years less than the general population because of disease complications or other medical conditions. However, life expectancy for people with MS has increased over time because of treatment breakthroughs and improved health care and lifestyle changes.

Many of these complications are preventable or manageable. Attention to overall health and wellness can help reduce the risk of other medical conditions, such as heart disease and stroke, that can contribute to a shortened life expectancy. In some rare instances, there are cases of MS that progress rapidly from disease onset and can be fatal. There are now FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved medications that have been successful in reducing the number of relapses and delaying progression of disability to some degree.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**STATEMENT BY MS. QUINN**

The SPEAKER. Representative Marguerite Quinn.

Ms. QUINN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, colleagues, for your attention to this detail.
are not known, and it lays out specific steps of what is to be done if the location of that father is not known so that notice can be given to that father for the purpose of removing – the potential of forever removing their parental rights.

Now, I support this overall bill in principle. There are many things about this bill that I support. However, there are some parts of it that I do find troublesome; mainly, those issues that I mentioned previously about parental rights and the violation of notice and due process. So what you have is you have a situation where if you do not know where the father is, you have to – what is current practice right now apart from the law – you have to conduct a diligent search and you have to make a notice or publication that you are going to be removing the rights of this putative father. That is current practice outside of the bill. The bill, in fact, what it does is just formalizes that process of what a diligent search is and then gives notice, and those are the principles that I support.

However, the problem in the bill is, there is a section in the bill that would make it optional for a judge to do a diligent search, and secondly, to give notice. And, Mr. Speaker, I would rise to say that when you are going to forever remove the parental rights of a father, at the very least that person should be given the option of knowing that their parental rights are going to be forever removed from them, and I think that that portion of the bill, which my amendment seeks to address by simply taking that portion of the bill out of it, would preserve those two things, parental rights and the concept of due process and notice.

I think the fundamental question here for the House is this: does the father have the right to know that his parental rights are going to be forever removed for him? I would contend, Mr. Speaker, that the father does have that right to know that his rights are about to be removed for him, and as such, I would ask for a "yes" vote on this amendment.

And one other thing I would add, in almost every other portion of our lives related to legal dealings that we have with the law, everyone is given the notice. Here that notice is removed on the issue when we are pulling parental rights, and I believe that that is something that we should preserve as well as the concept of due process.

So, Mr. Speaker, I humbly ask the House to support amendment A00177. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Petri, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to oppose this amendment for a number of reasons. Essentially, the amendment would remove the new provision which we worked on together last session, and I want to thank Representative Youngblood for her assistance, the gentlelady from Philadelphia. We have added a very valuable provision, a 12-step process of notice that has to be or attempts that have to be made to find an unknown putative father.

This particular amendment, after a diligent search is started and completed, would require continuing notices to be given even where a judge has determined that it is no longer in the best interest of the child to continue to try to find a putative father who has reason to know of the child’s birth, has failed to make reasonable efforts to make substantial and continuing contact with the child, and whose whereabouts are unknown.

The circumstance the gentleman is discussing is different. He is talking about a circumstance where the father’s whereabouts are known. And in the southeast where I practice law, every court order with a hearing has a big stamp on it, "It is your responsibility to notify all parties of the hearing." So the gentleman is, in my opinion and in the opinion of about 10 other lawyers in this building, misreading the provision. The amendment is not necessary, and what it would do is cause, in cases where the father cannot be found and does not want to be found, the child to have to remain in a foster setting for months and months and months until the process can be concluded.

So again, I want to thank the gentlelady from Philadelphia for her substantial contribution to ensuring that putative fathers are given every opportunity to know about termination proceedings. Thank you for that. And, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you oppose the amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support this amendment of the gentleman from Lancaster County. I had a similar amendment last session as well. My amendment was a little broader, and I do offer to my colleagues the reason why and it is an abundance of caution.

The language in the bill I think is not as clear as it could or should be, and that gives great pause for concern, and the fact that a judge may, in fact, make a decision that could eliminate the possibility of a father out there reuniting with his child is very concerning to me. And the one thing that comes to mind, and I am not given to extreme statements, but it is the “Kids for Cash” issue that happened up in Luzerne County that involved judges making very poor decisions that were not in the best interest of the child, and if this is even a remote possibility, then this amendment is very important to prevent those on the bench from making any such decision.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Miller, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate the gentleman's amendment and his efforts and our conversations in debating this both off the floor and in committee. I do, though, rise against it and I do support the maker of the bill's position.

I think it is key to remember this: that by the time that we are – this bill is dealing with the final stages of the adoption process. We are at the door of the TPR (termination of parental rights), and what that means is before we got here, there has been diligent search, likely, after diligent search, before the TPR has even come up. To compound the question, a finding of reasonable efforts has already been made. So that means that the court, upon proper notification, had to find that the putative father had already disconnected from this situation. It is a specific ruling in this matter. It is not just words. It is a court determination already done, one of which that had to be properly notified before the court were to render that decision. So in most of these cases you have already had multiple diligent searches done. You have already had a finding of reasonable efforts, and the county has been relieved of working with services or, in many cases, trying to find the gentleman any further. And do not forget what putative father means. This means we have no idea who the person is.

Okay. Now, here is what also is great about the language that is in there. Here is one thing that is great about the language that is in there. It is a "may" provision. It should not be changed. The amendment strips that out. And so what this does, if we do not do this amendment, it allows judges to be able to analyze new information. So let us just say that 2 months prior before
the TPR the county found and got no reasonable efforts found by the court, we were therefore relieved of duty to work with that father or putative father anymore, and new information came 2 months or a month or 2 days before that TPR proceeding. The judge, obviously, will readress that situation. It is a "may" provision. It still allows the judge to say, "You know what? Do one more diligent search."

And while I very much strongly believe that the best part of this bill is in relation to the language of the defining of the diligent search, the key thing here with it is that once that has already been done, we want to, one, speed the process along to give permanency to that child. This child has been in foster care for most of those situations between 18, 24, 30 months or more. At this stage of the game we are looking for permanency for that child.

And the second thing that comes up with it is, we should have the knowledge of knowing that everything has already been done in efforts to try and find this father during that time. The child has waited in foster care. You have a preadoption family waiting to embrace that family setup. You are not going to TPR if you do not have that preadoption resource already there. That is what is good about this bill, and all the other ones here in their current form, is the direction to expedite adoptions to get kids into loving homes with a sense of permanency and to make sure that they are set with the understanding of what of their life is going to be going forward. I think that is why the amendment that my friend offers should be voted down.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Watson.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a difficult time for me personally, because I try not to speak certainly against a member of my caucus or a member of my committee, as I am chairman of Children and Youth, but I believe that this amendment would actually do harm. Not the maker; he is trying to do the right thing, and I understand what a fine heart he has. But the result of this amendment would cause harm, as certainly the previous speaker mentioned.

Please understand that this bill offered by Representative Petri is really the culmination of Children and Youth holding meetings, talking about this issue, with the idea that we need to make adoption work more smoothly for families in Pennsylvania.

It was several years ago when I first became chairman that I learned that our children in Pennsylvania who are eligible for adoption are not adopted because families go to other States where the law works better in their behalf to complete an adoption, to find a child to make their family what they believe will be whole.

I speak from experience, but we adopted our child – okay, a long time ago – but we adopted him in Pennsylvania, and I, Mr. Speaker, am an adopted child, adopted a really long time ago in Pennsylvania. I have had a very good life thanks to that adoption and to the family that I am a part of. So I want this to go through because I know it will make things better for people like me, who longed for a child, were unable to have one, and went that way.

I do have to mention, because we always want to be transparent and historically accurate, that the gentleman from Lancaster did offer this amendment when we did the bill last session. You remember we got it out of here, but it did not get to the Senate. I mean, it got to the Senate and somehow they did not get to it. In any event, it was defeated. This amendment was defeated. It was just offered again in our Children and Youth, and respectfully, I did speak in the committee against it and it was defeated.

I appreciate the thought. I certainly support families. But, Mr. Speaker, I would like it put on the record that I stand here speaking for the children, not for the convenience of any of the adults, and children are certainly not property because they are naturally born to somebody, but it is our responsibility to see that they have the best start possible. And I think the speakers that you heard that are the attorneys that spoke – I am not always for attorneys as you well know – but indeed, these are attorneys who actually practice and work in the field of adoption and indeed have the best experience, and they advised us this was the right thing to do.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Representative Brett Miller is recognized for the second time on the amendment. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. B. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to address a couple points that were raised previously. Number one, it is important to remember what was mentioned previously by my good colleague on the other side that there have been in many cases, not all, but in some cases where there have been previous notices given. But what is important to remember is that none of those notices that have been previously given are designed to permanently remove the parental rights of that person. This notice, if it remains in this bill, then that final notice of permanent revocation of parental rights will not have to be given, and I believe that it should.

Next, I think it is important to recognize that even though due process or if the process does go forth, a diligent search is made, a hearing is held, and the parent is found, that does not mean that the parental rights will not be lifted. They can, in fact, still be lifted if the facts on the case merit the removal of the parental rights, so the adoption process can still go forward.

I think it is important to recognize that we are not just speaking for children here, and indeed, I am speaking for children, I am speaking for those children who may never have their father because the diligent search was not conducted to find them. And I would maintain again, Mr. Speaker, that the fundamental question here is this: does the father have the right to know that his parental rights are to be forever removed from him, and I would maintain that the father does have that right.

And I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized on the amendment?

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–34

Barrar
Brown, V.
Cephas
Cox
Davis
Dawkins
Dush
Emrick
Evankovich
Fitzgerald
Freeman
Galloway
Gillen
Greiner
Harris, J.
Keller, F.
Kim
Kinsey
Mackenzie
Maloney
Miller, B.
Rader
Rapp
Roae
Saccone
Samuelson
Sturla
Tallman
Vitali
Ward
Wentling
Zimmerman
The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 58, PN 170, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for report of intention to adopt, for consents necessary to adoption and for notice of hearing.

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 59, PN 55, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in children and youth, further providing for adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

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 61, PN 56, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in children and youth, further providing for adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

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 62, PN 57, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for alternative procedure for relinquishment.

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 63, PN 58, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to adoption, further providing for the definition of "intermediary."

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 289, PN 283, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for home study and preplacement report and for report of intention to adopt, repealing provisions relating to report of intermediary and exhibits, further providing for investigation, for contents of petition for adoption and for exhibits, providing for permissible reimbursement of expenses and further providing for time of entry of decree of adoption.

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 178, PN 141, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills.

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 202, PN 161, entitled:


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 224, PN 193, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers.

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

Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A00180:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "driver" or school crossing guard
Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by inserting after "driver" where it occurs the first time or school crossing guard
Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by inserting after "driver" or school crossing guard
Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by inserting after "driver" or school crossing guard
Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by inserting after "driver" or school crossing guard
Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by inserting after "driver" or school crossing guard

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Sturla on amendment 180.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, first I would like to commend the maker of the bill. I think this is a good bill because it helps protect our schoolchildren.

So what my amendment does is add "crossing guard" to the people who can administer an epinephrine pen. For hundreds of thousands of students in the State of Pennsylvania, that works because they ride on a school bus. But for hundreds of thousands of students in the State of Pennsylvania, they do not get to school on a school bus; they get to school by walking in cities throughout the Commonwealth for up to a mile, mile and a half, and there are crossing guards posted along the way. Those children are as susceptible to bee stings and other reasons that you would do an epinephrine—

The SPEAKER. Sir, please suspend.

Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. Representative Sturla is entitled to be heard on the amendment.

You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, the bill as it currently stands gives immunity to bus drivers that administer an epinephrine pen. For hundreds of thousands of students in the State of Pennsylvania, that works because they ride on a school bus. But for hundreds of thousands of students in the State of Pennsylvania, they do not get to school on a school bus; they get to school by walking to school and their points of contact for an adult that could help administer lifesaving epinephrine pens would be a crossing guard. And so all this would do is expand the immunity for school bus drivers to also add school crossing guards to ensure that our children are given the safest routes to school as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Simmons, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. SIMMONS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a good amendment. It makes the bill stronger and it is going to help save lives. I would urge the members to vote "yes" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.
On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–197

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NAYS–2

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NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–3

Nelson Rothman Rozzi

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 250, PN 211, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for limitations.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, I understand has withdrawn House amendment 135. The gentleman, Representative Thomas, has withdrawn amendment 142.

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

Mr. THOMAS offered the following amendment No. A00158:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by inserting after “limitations” and providing for oversight of opportunity scholarship tax credit
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 21 and 22 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read: Section 2008.1-B. Oversight of opportunity scholarship tax credit.

(a) Organizations—An opportunity scholarship organization that has received contributions from business firms granted a tax credit under this article shall report the following to the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committee and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives by September 1 of each year:
(1) Out of the funds contributed to an opportunity scholarship organization by a business firm for a tax credit under this article, the number of scholarships and amount of funds expended by an opportunity scholarship organization during the immediately preceding school year:
(2) The number of scholarships or amount of funds received during the immediately preceding school year, along with the amount received.
(3) Assurance that the opportunity scholarship organization complies with applicable Federal and State antidiscrimination laws.
(b) Participating schools.—A participating public school or participating nonpublic school that received a scholarship funds described in paragraph (1) from an opportunity scholarship organization during the immediately preceding school year, along with the amount received.
(1) The number of scholarships or amount of funds received during the immediately preceding school year.
(2) The name of each participating public school or participating nonpublic school that received a scholarship from an opportunity scholarship organization under this article shall report the following to the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committee and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives by September 1 of each year:
that were filed to this bill. One amendment deals with the
Mr. Speaker, as you aptly noted, there were two amendments
Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Representative Curtis Thomas.
The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes
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Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, as you aptly noted, there were two amendments
that were filed to this bill. One amendment deals with the
education income tax credit program, which most of the
members are familiar with. The second amendment deals with
the opportunity scholarship income tax credit program, and as
you know, there is an effort to try and increase the revenue to
OSITC.
What my amendment says, because for those of you that are
familiar with the original design that Governor Ridge and
subsequent partners who created and crafted the OSITC
program, you know that in the statute there is a serious series of
restrictive measures which says that beneficiaries of OSITC,
whether they be poor or rich, do not have to comply with a set
of rules that is applicable to public schools and applicable to
EITC beneficiaries.
So let me do this again. OSITC sits over here, close to
heaven, and there are some statutory restrictions that allows
them to do something different than anybody else in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I am not sure that that is
what we wanted to do.
And so what my amendment would do is to ask each of you that
on both sides, let us pull this baby back in and make sure the
baby at least does what everybody else is doing, and unless we
have some evidence-based facts which say that they should stay
close to over here – but I think that all of us would want them to
do the same thing the EITC beneficiaries are doing and
definitely the same thing that public schools are doing.
Especially one reporting requirement of public schools, and
I believe EITC, and that is reporting violent incidences. You
know in the Public School Code and even with, I think, EITC
schools, but I am going to have to look to the majority and
Democratic chairmen to be correct on that, but the law says that
if you are seriously hurt while on the school premises, you have
to report it to the police and you have to report it to the
authorities. Right now these OSITC beneficiaries do not have to
report that information and might even be statutorily exempted
from even talking about it.
And so I ask for a “yes” vote on this amendment.
To the majority chairman of Education, thank you for your
willingness to help us strengthen the EITC program. Thank you.
The SPEAKER. Appropriations Chair Stan Saylor is
recognized on the amendment.
Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
First of all, this reporting scheme, which affects the EITC
and the OSTC programs, contains significant reporting
requirements as it is already written and there is no real need for
this. But the reporting scheme as proposed under this particular
amendment really should have been offered as a stand-alone bill
so that this legislation could have been vetted by the Education
Committee as well as the education community as a whole
throughout our Commonwealth.
Also, the requirement that a nonpublic school report growth
under PVAAS (Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System)
is not practical. It is not practical because PVAAS measures
growth only in State assessments, which nonpublic schools in
Pennsylvania do not administer. Instead, the nonpublic schools
in Pennsylvania offer the Iowa Test in many cases.
It also would be very costly as proposed, because PDE
(Pennsylvania Department of Education) would have to include
all the nonpublic schools in the Pennsylvania State Assessment
System. It would also be costly to PDE because they would
have to do an evaluation and have a contractor do an analysis of
hundreds of additional schools that they do not currently do, and
because of that, PVAAS measures growth from year to year and
nonpublic schools have never taken the assessment test as such.
So I would ask for a “no” vote on this.
Again, if the gentleman wishes to offer it as a stand-alone
bill and it can be vetted by the education community, the
Education Committee, that is fine, but it does not really make
sense, I believe, to be a part of this bill, and it adds great
additional cost to the Department of Education. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Representative Thomas.
Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Let me thank the majority chair for his comments, and there
is a stand-alone bill that is moving, but as you and I and a
number of other members here in the House know, that you
follow their light, and if you see their light, you go towards that.
So I thought that we could expedite getting this straightened out
early by connecting with this bill. So the door is open on a
discussion as a stand-alone bill or as maybe a part of the budget
negotiations.
With respect to the amendment that is in front of us, let me
reiterate, OSITC or OSTC or OSCTI, you know, whatever you
want to call it, by statutory design it is excluded. Their
beneficiaries are excluded from certain requirements in the
statute. And so my amendment asks that we, at least, line
them up with everybody else. Thank you.
On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?
The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—66

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Representative Costa, do you seek a motion to suspend?

Mr. P. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I realize that my amendment is not in order at this time, but if you would happen to go over the bill until we come back after the break, then my amendment would be in order. So if you are inclined to do that, now would be the time. I am guessing that is a no?

The SPEAKER. I am here in a different role, and the bill is in front of us. It would require a motion to suspend. Do you wish to offer that amendment, sir?

Mr. P. COSTA. Not to suspend the rules, sir.

The SPEAKER. Okay. At this time the amendment is withdrawn.

Mr. P. COSTA. But I would like to make comments. The SPEAKER. Oh, you certainly may. You are recognized to make comments. Please proceed, sir.

Mr. P. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The main object of this bill is to increase the EITC, which in the past I have supported and I voted for and I will continue to support it. I do think it is a great program. But we have another great program that is out there that is a tax credit; it is the film tax credit. It is a credit that you can only get after you make an investment in our State. So what I was trying to do is raise the level of the film tax credit on par with the education credit.

I do have a stand-alone bill, and hopefully the committees will bring it up and you will have an opportunity to vote on it.

So thank you for the time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

So amendment 191 has been withdrawn. It was late-filed. There are no further amendments.

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

STATEMENT BY MS. TOOHIL

The SPEAKER. Representative Tarah Toohil is recognized on unanimous consent.

Members, given the series of bills that we just covered on second consideration, prior to the Education Code bills, I think this announcement is probably pretty timely.

Representative Toohil, the floor is yours.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And to my colleagues, thank you. I wanted to share with you and with our constituents that it was 1 year ago today that I was sitting down in my basement office and I got a phone call from Children and Youth about a beautiful, little baby boy. So 1 year ago today I rushed right out of here, went right back home to Hazelton, and I was able to go to the hospital and meet my son, that would become our son. And I want to thank all of you for supporting and I voted for and I will continue to support it. I do think it is a great program. But we have another wonderful movement for us here in Pennsylvania. So thank you for your affirmative votes on the adoption package. It is a wonderful movement for us here in Pennsylvania. So thank you so much for sharing that with my family. Happy anniversary.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Toohil.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair recognizes the Appropriations chair, the majority Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor, for a committee announcement.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to be at ease until the Appropriations Committee meets. As soon as they return to the floor – we will still be here – when they return, we will
proceed to the third consideration bills that are in front of us for today. But at this time we are going to stand at ease as the Appropriations Committee meets. When they come back, we are going to move to the third consideration bills.

The House will come to order. Members, I believe the Appropriations Committee is returning to the floor.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 17, PN 398**  
By Rep. Saylor  
An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, further providing for confidentiality of records and for consent of minor.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 44, PN 400**  
By Rep. Saylor  
An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for commencement of proceedings.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 152, PN 399**  
By Rep. Saylor  
An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for life insurance database.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 157, PN 164**  
By Rep. Saylor  
An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents, providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; and, in historic properties, further providing for powers over certain historic property.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 24**

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to third consideration. A number of the bills will require a motion to proceed, and the Chair will turn to the majority leader at this time for that motion.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.  
I would make a motion to proceed to the immediate consideration of HB 17, HB 152, and HB 44. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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

The SPEAKER. The minority leader, on the motion to proceed.
A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 17, PN 398, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, further providing for confidentiality of records and for consent of minor.

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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**NOT VOTING–0**

**EXCUSED–3**

Nelson Rothman Rozzi

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 44, PN 400, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for commencement of proceedings.
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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NAYS–0
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EXCUSED–3
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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 152, 
PN 399, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for life insurance database.

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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Cox  Harris, A.  Miller, D.  Tallman
Cruz  Harris, J.  Milne  Taylor
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Cutler  Helm  Mullery  Tobash

NAYS–0
NOT VOTING–0

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 152, 
PN 399, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for life insurance database.

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–199

Baker  Emrick  Knowles  Rabb
Barbin  English  Kortz  Rader
Barrar  Evankovich  Krueger  Rapp
Benninghoff  Evans  Kulik  Ravenstahl
Bernstine  Everett  Lawrence  Readshaw
Bizzarro  Fabrizio  Lewis  Reed
Bloom  Farry  Longietti  Reese
Boback  Fee  Mackenzie  Rohe
Boyle  Fitzgerald  Madden  Roe
Bradford  Flynn  Maher  Roebuck
Briggs  Frankel  Mako  Ryan
Brown, R.  Freeman  Maloney  Saccone
Brown, V.  Fritz  Markosek  Sainato
Bullock  Gabler  Marshall  Samuelson
Burns  Gainey  Marsico  Sankey
Caltagirone  Galloway  Masser  Santora
Carroll  Gergely  Matzie  Saylor
Caucer  Gillen  McCarter  Schemel
Cephas  Gillespie  McClinton  Schlossberg
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NAYS–0
NOT VOTING–0
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 157, PN 164, entitled:

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents, providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; and, in historic properties, further providing for certain historic property.

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–199

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–3

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.

The SPEAKER. Members, there are no further bills for today.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:
HB 56;
HB 57;
HB 58;
HB 59;
HB 61;
HB 62;
HB 63;
HB 178;
HB 202;
HB 224;
HB 250; and
HB 289.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 27;
HB 151;
HB 162;
HB 177;
HB 234;
HB 236;
HB 280;
HB 285; and
HB 298.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcy Toepel is recognized for a caucus announcement, the majority caucus chair.
Mrs. TOEPEL. Republicans will caucus immediately. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel, the minority caucus chair, is recognized for a caucus announcement.
Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Democrats will caucus at 1:15. Democrats will caucus at 1:15. Thank you.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Carroll moves that we be adjourned until Monday, March 13, 2017, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 12:56 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.