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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)

PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by Rabbi Michael Perice from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wynocote, Pennsylvania. He is the guest of Representative Joanna McClinton.

RABBI MICHAEL PERICE, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Before we begin today, I would like to take a moment of silence for the 6 million Jews and the 11 million people who died in the Holocaust at the hands of the Nazis. May we never, ever forget their sacrifice, and may their memory forever be a blessing. Let us take a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Shalom. It is my great honor and distinct privilege to speak with you today in this most esteemed chamber.

They say speaking truth is good for the soul, so I would like to begin today by speaking a little truth to power. People do not like you. People do not like politicians, but not out of hate or malice or even contempt, but out of disappointment – disappointment that you can effect more change in one day than most people can throughout their entire lifetime. One day. That is not power. That is a sacred responsibility.

I have pride in the people of Pennsylvania because the people of Pennsylvania make me proud. And we the people so desperately want to be proud of all of you. But to do that, we must cast away these false political divisions that seek to divide us rather than unite us, we must cast away these outside and improper influences that seek to corrupt this chamber through money and favors, and we must cast away the hate as being used as a rallying cry in place of the love and hope that is meant to inspire.

A famous rabbi once said that the most important verse of all Scripture was to love thy neighbor and everything else was just commentary. So I will ask of you, will you love thy neighbor? Will you love someone who does not look like you or talk like you or love like you, because in these divided times that is our mountaintop, that is our moon. For the issues we face today are far too great and numerous not to try and solve them today: education, immigration, poverty, homelessness, civil rights, disability rights, mental health, and the opiate epidemic. These are not political issues. These are people issues. And it is incumbent upon us to try and solve them today, not tomorrow, not a month from now, not a year from now, and not in the next election cycle, but today.

And I have faith. I have faith that we can be known as a State of compassion. I have faith that we can be known as a State willing to fight hard battles for the sake of good people's lives. But maybe I am a fool. Maybe I am naive as we stand in the shadows of this new era in American politics where a dark cloud has descended upon our great nation, providing cover for anger and bitterness and division. But when you stand under a cloud of hate, you get rained on because hate is a disease, it is a virus. It infects and it spreads. And the only cure for hate has always ever been and will always ever be love. Love. And love grows like a seed into an oak tree. Like a butterfly flapping its wings in the Pacific causing a hurricane in the Atlantic, it grows, and we can grow it right here, right now, today.

They say one act can change the world. I do not know if that is true, but what I do know is true is that one act can change someone's world, and that should be our goal, that should be our mission.

So I will pray for you and I will bless you and say may God bless you. May God keep you and guard you. May God lift His face upon you and shine His light upon you. May God make you gracious, and may He grant you peace. But more, may God grant you strength. May God grant you strength. May God grant you strength to stand firm, not only to your political basis, but to the base instincts that reside within all of us that seek to divide rather than unite. For when we can truly love thy neighbor, then we will truly be acting in the image of God. So I pray. I pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Rabbi, I just wanted to tell you, you mentioned a number of issues that have come before us. Last session we had outstanding bipartisan and bicameral work on the opioid issue. Amongst others, Representative Ed Gainey, Representative Doyle Heffley, Representative Rosemary Brown, Representative Dan Moul, Representative Harry Readshaw – members on both sides of the aisle – led an opioid-epidemic package, both on the terms of the treatment, prevention, how to discard of excess so that they do not get on the black market. I have to say we were exceptionally proud of that work. I am missing many members who were a part of that
great work. I know the Policy Committee did much work on that as well. And thank you so much for raising that with us today amongst all the other issues.

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

**HB 324, PN 321**  
By Rep. Pickett

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for exemption of particular property.

**INSURANCE.**

The SPEAKER. At this time I would like to call on unanimous consent Representative Joanna McClinton. Members, please take your seats. Before I have the good Representative speak, I would ask all members to please take their seats. Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. Guests, please take your seats. Staff.

**STATEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON**

The SPEAKER. Representative McClinton, the floor is yours.

Ms. McClinton. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise for just a few moments to acknowledge my Guest Chaplain of today, Rabbi Michael Perice.

Michael's journey to becoming a rabbi is both interesting and unique. When Michael was a boy, his rabbi committed a serious crime and he was driven away from the Jewish life. Over the next decade Michael lived as a secular Jew, only attending High Holy Day services each year with his grandmother.

As an undergrad, Michael received degrees in political science and American history at Temple University. While at Temple he worked on several political campaigns but chose not to ultimately pursue a career in politics.

After embarking on a spiritual quest, Michael reconnected with his faith and his Jewish roots. He then decided to travel to Israel, where he studied Hebrew and Jewish studies for a year. It was then Michael decided to pursue his calling as a rabbi. Since that time, he has worked in many synagogues but recently served as the education director and student rabbi for Congregation Beth Tikvah in Marlton, New Jersey, where he was named one of the top 20 emerging leaders in the South Jersey region. Michael currently works as a senior Jewish educator at the University of Delaware Hillel, where he serves a Jewish population of over 2,000 students. He is receiving his rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and is expected to graduate in 2019.

He currently resides in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia. Most recently, Mr. Speaker, I was the keynote speaker for a Martin Luther King Day memorial and interfaith service and that is where I met the Rabbi.

I am thrilled to have him today. He is here with his lovely fiancée, Rachael Burgess, and his parents are in the back, Eileen and Salvatore Perice. I would ask that they would stand so we could give them a hearty welcome and thank him for his awesome prayer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Rabbi, your journey is inspiring and we wish you all the best in your mission to so many good people, particularly the youth in our country. God bless you.

To Salvatore and Eileen, you must be very proud of this good man. Thank you. Thanks for being with us today.

**JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, April 19, 2017, will be postponed until printed.

**JOURNALS APPROVED**

The SPEAKER. However, the following 2017 Journals are now in print, and without objection, they will be approved: Wednesday, January 25, and Monday, February 6.

This is going to be, I think, the first bill of the session that has been passed by the Senate and the House with respect to identical language, and it will be, should the Governor sign it, it will be Act 1. Right, Clancy? So, members, we will be signing this bill.

**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:

**SB 250, PN 630**

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, providing for unemployment compensation service centers; and, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees and for Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 268  
By Representatives Rabb, McClinton, Gainey, Freeman, Pashinski, Thomas, DeLuca, Rozzi, Driscoll, Kortz and Sims

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to support efforts to reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions previously in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act and support efforts to return to national banking policies to repair our nation's infrastructure.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 20, 2017.
No. 15 By Representatives GOODMAN, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, DONATUCCI, SOLOMON, PASHINSKI, V. BROWN, SAINATO, McNEILL, MILLARD, O'BRIEN, WATSON, A. HARRIS, BIZZARRO, READSHAW, KIRKLAND, KAVULICH and ROEBUCK

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against public order and decency, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2017.

No. 959 By Representatives STURLA, TAYLOR, W. KELLER, SCHLOSSBERG, READSHAW, KINSEY, McNEILL, D. COSTA, BULLOCK, THOMAS, SOLOMON, DONATUCCI, NEILSON, DeLUCA, PASHINSKI, RABB, GALLOWAY, V. BROWN, FRANKEL, KIM, MCCARTER, FLYNN, DALEY, WHEATLEY, KULIK, DAVIDSON, GERGELY, SIMS, KORTZ, O'BRIEN, J. HARRIS, DeLISSIO, GAINLEY, D. MILLER, FITZGERALD, BOYLE, ROEBUCK, RAVENSTAHL, DRISCOLL, CEPHAS, HAGGERTY and MAROSEK

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a fee for service on municipalities for municipal patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police and providing for State Police patrol services agreements, for allocation of funds, for fees for intermunicipal police response and for penalties.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 24, 2017.

No. 1176 By Representatives D. MILLER, JOZWIAK, D. COSTA, BOYLE, MILLARD, SOLOMON, RYAN, DRISCOLL, O'BRIEN, KINSEY, V. BROWN, GAINLEY and FARRY

An Act providing for a concussion protocol to protect law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 24, 2017.

No. 1253 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, NEILSON, ROZZI, McGINNIS, KINSEY and KORTZ

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions relating to retirement for school employees, further providing for management of fund and accounts; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for management of fund and accounts.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 20, 2017.

No. 1254 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, PASHINSKI, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, PICKETT, D. COSTA, KAUFER, THOMAS, GILLEN and NEILSON

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for the definition of “building machinery and equipment.”

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2017.

No. 1255 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, MURT, READSHAW, WATSON, NEILSON and KINSEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in governance of the system, further providing for criminal laboratory user fee.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 20, 2017.

No. 1256 By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, MENTZER, FEE, HICKERNELL, GREINER, CUTLER, B. MILLER, GODSHALL, JAMES, IRVIN, MILLARD, WARD, DIAMOND, TOPPER, ORTITAY, ROTHMAN, GROVE, RAPP, KEEFER, WHEELAND, BLOOM, PICKETT, M. K. KELLER, SAYLOR, HEFFLEY, COX, RADER, MALONEY, SCHEMEL, FRITZ and NELSON

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.547, No.217), known as the Conservation District Law, further providing for Commonwealth agency cooperation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 20, 2017.

No. 1257 By Representatives FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SAMUELSON, B. MILLER, MULLERY, SIMMONS, McNEILL, THOMAS, SOLOMON and DEASY

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Department of the Auditor General, providing for audits of affairs of the General Assembly and legislative agencies; and making a related repeal.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2017.

No. 1258 By Representatives FREEMAN, ROZZI, KIM, SAMUELSON, FLYNN, McNEILL, DeLUCA, SOLOMON, DEASY and GILLEN

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for audit of accounts of the General Assembly.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 20, 2017.

No. 1259 By Representatives FREEMAN, THOMAS, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, McNEILL and DeLUCA


Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 20, 2017.

No. 1260 By Representatives GROVE, M. K. KELLER, SONNEY, COX, A. HARRIS, DOWLING, JAMES, ORTITAY, D. COSTA, WHEELAND, MASSER, DeLUCA and PHILLIPS-HILL

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for possession of firearm by minor; and, in forfeitures, further providing
for controlled substances forfeiture and providing for disposition of forfeited firearms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 20, 2017.

No. 1261 By Representatives TOPPER, BENNINGHOFF, KNOWLES, EMRICK, IRVIN, BAKER, KAUFFMAN, B. MILLER, BLOOM, FEE, PICKETT, ROTHMAN, HICKERNELL, MACKENZIE, PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, JAMES, STAATS, MENTZER, DUNBAR, TALLMAN, DOWLING, RYAN, COX, MILLARD, SAYLOR, CUTLER, McGINNIS, MARSICO, GROVE, LAWRENCE, ZIMMERMAN, ROAE and METCALFE

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

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 20, 2017.

No. 1262 By Representatives HARKINS, READSHAW, SONNEY, FREEMAN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, FARRY and PASHINSKI

An Act amending the act of May 31, 1893 (P.L.188, No.138), known as the Legal Holiday Law, further providing that September 11 shall be known as Patriot Day and observed as a holiday.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 24, 2017.

No. 1263 By Representatives HARKINS, SCHWEYER, READSHAW, McNEILL, SONNEY, V. BROWN, ZIMMERMAN, WARD, MURT, GOODMAN, DeLUCA, D. COSTA, DEASY, FARRY, MATZIE, GILLEN and CONKLIN

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

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 24, 2017.

No. 1264 By Representatives HARKINS, FREEMAN, FLYNN, PASHINSKI, D. COSTA, SAINATO, DONATUCCI and FARRY

An Act authorizing, with the approval of the electors, part of the funds for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency services to be used for loans to municipal fire departments for the purpose of establishing or modernizing facilities to house firefighting apparatus equipment and purchasing firefighting apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles and protective and communications equipment and other equipment necessary for the proper performance of the departments’ duties.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 24, 2017.

No. 1265 By Representatives HARKINS, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, D. MILLER, DIGIROLAMO, FREEMAN, READSHAW and PASHINSKI

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and establishing the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee and the Mental Health and Justice Grant Program.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2017.

No. 1266 By Representatives HARKINS, MURT, MILLARD, SAINATO, ROZZI, SONNEY, A. HARRIS, D. COSTA, GILLEN, HILL-EVANS, DeLUCA and FARRY

An Act providing for the payment of outstanding court-ordered fines and restitutions by the attachment of State tax refunds and lottery winnings.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2017.

No. 1268 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, DELOZIER, ONEILL, PASHINSKI, MILLARD, SOLOMON, RYAN, GILLEN and GOODMAN

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1974 (P.L.34, No.15), known as the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, in general provisions, further providing for definitions, for general powers of board, for retirement funds and accounts and for management and investment of fund and interest credits; and providing for Statewide Municipal Police Officers Pension Plan.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 24, 2017.

No. 1269 By Representatives QUIGLEY, CORR, GODSHALL, KAMPF, ORTITAY, TOEPEL and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 24, 2017.

No. 1270 By Representatives HANNA, W. KELLER, WARD, RYAN, HAHN, SAINATO, HILL-EVANS, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, COX, MURT, CALTAGIRONE, DiGIROLAMO, DUSH, SONNEY, KINSEY, PASHINSKI, MALONEY, MILLARD, O’NEILL, SANKEY, GROVE and MILNE

An Act designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 24, 2017.

No. 1271 By Representatives KINSEY, TOOHIL, CALTAGIRONE, MURT, SOLOMON, DRISCOLL, READSHAW, BULLOCK, HAHN, QUIGLEY, STURLA, R. BROWN, THOMAS, WHEATLEY, PICKETT, McNEILL, V. BROWN, D. COSTA, O’NEILL, HILL-EVANS, ROTHMAN and DONATUCCI
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for definition of children with exceptionalities and reports and examination.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2017.

No. 1272 By Representatives GOODMAN, FREEMAN, DERMOODY, PASHINSKI, SOLOMON, THOMAS, DeLUCA, SCHLOSSBERG, MURT, D. COSTA and FRANKEL

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for definitions, for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures and providing for independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 24, 2017.

No. 1273 By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, W. KELLER, ORTITAY, READSHAW, TOOHIL, KAUFFMAN, GROVE, LAWRENCE and TOPPER

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for definitions, for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures and providing for independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 24, 2017.

No. 1274 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BOBACK, CUTLER, FEE, MILLARD, QUIGLEY, WARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for definitions, for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures and providing for independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 24, 2017.

No. 1275 By Representatives HICKERNELL, V. BROWN, DRISCOLL, JAMES, MENTZER, MILLARD, PICKETT, SAYLOR, SOLOMON and WARD

An Act amending the act of January 21, 1966 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in access, further providing for requests; and, in procedure, further providing for redaction.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2017.

No. 1276 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BAKER, BOBACK, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, DeLUCA, FEE, GOODMAN, GREINER, HAHN, JAMES, LAWRENCE, McCARTER, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, D. MILLER, O’NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, REESE, ROEBUCK, RYAN, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, WARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in access, further providing for requests; and, in procedure, further providing for redaction.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 24, 2017.

No. 1277 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BAKER, BOBACK, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, DeLUCA, FEE, GOODMAN, GREINER, HAHN, JAMES, LAWRENCE, McCARTER, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, D. MILLER, O’NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, REESE, ROEBUCK, RYAN, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, WARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in access, further providing for requests; and, in procedure, further providing for redaction.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 24, 2017.

No. 1278 By Representatives FLYNN, SCHLOSSBERG, READSHAW, JAMES, DRISCOLL, MURT, BARRAR, SANKEY, MILLARD, A. HARRIS, MILNE, DeLUCA, COX, D. COSTA, BENNINGHOFF, GILLEN and FARRY

An Act amending the act of November 23, 2010 (P.L.1083, No.108), known as the Covered Device Recycling Act, in duties of manufacturers and retailers, further providing for manufacturer plan and reporting.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 24, 2017.

No. 1279 By Representatives FLYNN, MILLARD, V. BROWN, DAVIS, D. COSTA, MULLERY, IRVIN, WATSON, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON, DONATUCCI and DEAN

An Act amending the act of November 23, 2010 (P.L.1083, No.108), known as the Covered Device Recycling Act, in duties of manufacturers and retailers, further providing for manufacturer plan and reporting.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 24, 2017.

No. 1280 By Representatives BAKER, DeLUCA, MILLARD, FREEMAN, CAUSER, READSHAW, LONGIETTI, BARRAR, ROZZI, MURT, KINSEY, DAVIS, D. COSTA, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, WHEELAND, WARD, CALTAGIRONE, BOBACK, ZIMMERMAN, HILL-EVANS and BENNINGHOFF

An Act providing for health insurance coverage requirements for stage four, advanced metastatic cancer.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 24, 2017.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 227, PN 210

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 20, 2017.
SB 365, PN 357

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 20, 2017.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for the following members: Kathy WATSON of Bucks County for the day, Lee JAMES of Venango County for the week, Zachary MAKO of Northampton County for the week, John TAYLOR of Philadelphia County for the week, Jim CHRISTIANA of Beaver County for the week, and Tim HENNESSEY of Chester County for the day.

Representative Mike Hanna, the minority whip, requests leaves of absence for the following: Flo FABRIZIO of Erie County for the day, Representative Dan MCNEILL of Lehigh County for the day, Representative Christopher RABB of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative Marc GERGELY of Allegheny County for the day.

Without objection, those will be granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. To our good friend, Representative Flo Fabrizio, to all of you out there, Representative Fabrizio is battling cancer. He has been very public about that. And our prayers and thoughts are with him and his wonderful family. Just an outstanding individual and legislator. And, Representative Fabrizio, we are hoping for you to be back here as soon as you possibly can.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER. I am going to call upon Representative Eddie Day Pashinski on unanimous consent. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I certainly appreciate your well wishes for our colleague, Representative Fabrizio.

If I could have your attention, to all my colleagues, and take a look right here, I have an envelope that is filled with get-well cards and well wishes. I would ask all of you between today through Wednesday to please sign on. You can sign on one card or you can sign on all the cards that are in that. If you have a message, make it short, please, because we want to try to get everyone on board to make sure that Flo knows he is in our thoughts and prayers.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski, thank you, sir. Thank you very much.

Everybody, a really loud round of applause for Flo. We care about you, my good friend. We care.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to proceed to the master roll. Please proceed to vote.
The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-three members on the master roll, a quorum is present.

Representative Delozier is invited to please come up to the rostrum. We are going to present a citation to a championship team. And then following Representative Delozier will be Representatives Emrick and Hahn. They will be next, so I would ask them both to be prepared, if they could come up to the front of the chamber. Representative Topper will follow with a champion athlete as well.

So we are going to be going with Representative Delozier first, followed immediately by Representatives Emrick and Hahn, followed by Representative Topper.

And, members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats.

The SPEAKER. Representative Joseph Emrick and Representative Marcia Hahn are invited to the rostrum for presenting a citation to a championship team.

Representative Emrick, will be you leading us off?

Representative Hahn. Representative Hahn, the floor is yours.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Emrick and I are here to recognize some outstanding athletic achievers and the coach who led them to their greatness this season.

In February the Nazareth Blue Eagles defeated Bethlehem Catholic High School 30 to 29 to capture the crown at the Giant Center in Hershey. It was the third meeting of the season between these two rivals. Becahi won the first match by 20 points, but things changed and got closer from there. Nazareth won the next match 33 to 24 to take the District 11 title and then followed that up at the State final in a match that went to the final bout. Even in defeat, Becia's coach, Jeff Karam, called the match "an all-time classic."

As an alum it is with great pride that we welcome to the hall of the House the Nazareth Area High School Blue Eagle Wrestling Team, the PIAA AAA State Champions. Now, they are seated in the back of the House as well as the members that are up here, so please stand as I call your name: Head coach David Crowell and coaches Derek Deutsch and Joe Provini. Captains Travis Stefanik, Trevor Tarsi, and Brock Wilson. I believe some are behind me. Members Matt Gilbride, Mohamed Tounkara, Tyler Barnum, Zac Keifer, Ryan O'Grady, Ian Pulli, Sammy Sasso, Cade Wilson, Devon Betz, Joseph Ferraina, Jacob Garibaldi, Tucker Klump, Sean Pionter, Justyce Searock, Andrew Cerniglia, Jake Dressler, Connor Herceg, Dustin Hunara, Joe Lamura, Stephen Schott, Andrew Smith, Nathan Stefanik, and Blaine Wilson. Also providing assistance and support: Ray Ramella, the athletic director, and Alan Davis, principal.

Again let us welcome the State champion wrestling team.

The SPEAKER. Representative Emrick.

Mr. EMRICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, Representative Hahn.

And congratulations to the entire team and Coach Crowell and the coaches.

To achieve the many accolades that the Nazareth High School Wrestling Team has earned, it takes a tremendous number of individuals and the Nazareth squad has many. Because of their work on the mat, six Blue Eagles earned medals in the 2017 individual State wrestling tournament. Actually, each of those six medal winners were regional champions as well.

Even more impressive, because of their work in the classroom, three of them are headed to Ivy League schools. The two sitting to my left, Brock Wilson and Trevor Tarsi, would you guys stand up real quick. Congratulations, guys. Brock and Trevor are both going to Harvard in the fall.
And with them, standing behind me is Travis Stefanik. You want to wave, Travis. All right, Travis. Travis is the State champion at 182 pounds and will be attending Princeton University this fall. Now, my good colleagues in the back know how much I love football, and they would be very disappointed if I did not bring up football from the rostrum. But as great of a wrestler as Travis was, I think he was an even better football player, and if he played football in college, it would not have broken my heart, Travis, just for the record. He was the all-star quarterback for the Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team as well. Travis will graduate as Nazareth's all-time leader in individual matches wrestled and third in all-time wins.

With Travis, also behind me is Sammy Sasso. Sammy, do you want to wave. All right, Sammy. Welcome to the House. Sammy is not going off to college just yet. Sammy is still a junior and is the State champion at 138 pounds and anxious to add to his record for 1 more year at Nazareth.

Leading these fine young men is another extraordinary individual. He is not only the head wrestling coach, but a personal friend of mine, coach Dave Crowell, standing behind me. Dave Crowell has been coaching for 32 years and his teams own a career record of 494 wins, 127 losses, and 1 tie. Dave was recently named the "2017 Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association State Coach of the Year." This is actually the sixth time Coach Crowell has earned this distinct honor in his career. He has also had the honor of coaching the Pennsylvania All-Star Team in the Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic just last month, actually against the United States All-Star Team.

Please join me in a round of applause for these great individuals and the Nazareth Area High School State Championship Wrestling Team.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations to the Nazareth High School Boys Wrestling Team. Thanks for making the trip here.

JUSTIN McCOY PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Jesse Topper is requested to come up to the rostrum. He is going to be presenting a citation to a State champion.

Representative Jesse Topper, the floor is yours.

Members, please take your seats.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my great pleasure to welcome the Class AA 145-pound State wrestling champion Justin McCoy to the rostrum. Justin is a junior at Chestnut Ridge High School, and this was not his first time on the medal stand in Hershey but it was his first as a State champion.

It is difficult for words to describe how passionate folks in Bedford County are about the sport of wrestling, but it is such a tremendous part of the community and young men like Justin are really celebrities, and that is why I am so excited that Justin conducts himself like a champion off the mat as much as he does on the mat. He is a wonderful example to future Lion students and athletes, and that is a responsibility that he embraces. Coach Greg Lazor has built a powerhouse wrestling program at Chestnut Ridge that has produced tremendous success for both the team and the individuals on those teams.

One of the great aspects of the sport of wrestling is that there is an individual component as well as a team component, and Justin has been an integral part of the success of the team and, of course, has reached the ultimate pinnacle of individual success. He has reached that pinnacle with a 5-2 win over his opponent in the State finals and has a career record of 122 wins and only 16 losses and he is only a junior. He will be back next year to defend that title.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania has one of the strongest wrestling traditions in the nation, and Justin has now made his mark on that tradition. It is only fitting that his family is here to support him today as they had throughout his whole career, and any of us who have participated in the sport of wrestling know how much that family support is needed. So to each of you, Justin, Coach Lazor, and the entire Chester Ridge Lion wrestling community, congratulations on this incredible achievement and it is my honor to present you with this citation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Justin, congratulations and thank you for being here today.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. PASHINSKI called up HR 78, PN 428, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania in memory of workers killed, injured and disabled in the workplace and in recognition of the efforts of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council.

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Mr. MURT called up HR 130, PN 1083, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging all residents of this Commonwealth to observe "Earth Day" on April 22, 2017.

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Mrs. R. BROWN called up HR 134, PN 829, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up HR 191, PN 1140, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 24, 2017, as "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923."

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Mr. MURT called up HR 198, PN 1196, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 1 through 8, 2017, as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. McCLINTON called up HR 204, PN 1242, entitled:


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Mr. BIZZARRO called up HR 211, PN 1249, entitled:

A Resolution urging the residents of this Commonwealth to support the efforts, programs, services and organizations that work to enhance research and awareness of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, a type of soft tissue sarcoma.

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Mr. FABRIZIO called up HR 233, PN 1340, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2017 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. QUINN called up HR 238, PN 1345, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 16 through 22, 2017, as "National Healthcare Decisions Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. EVANS called up HR 246, PN 1423, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. EVANS called up HR 247, PN 1424, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 24 through 28, 2017, as "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ROZZI called up HR 252, PN 1428, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 21, 2017, as "Purple Up for Military Kids Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. HILL called up HR 256, PN 1432, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 29, 2017, as "T’ai Chi and Qigong Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MILLARD called up HR 258, PN 1434, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 23 through 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Home Visitation and Family Support Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

** LEAVE OF ABSENCE **

The SPEAKER. I do see that Representative McCARTER wishes to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–192

Baker  Ellis  Krueger  Ravenstahl
Barbin  Emrick  Kulik  Readshaw
Barrar  English  Lawrence  Reed
Benninghoff  Evankovich  Lewis  Reese
Bernstine  Evans  Longietti  Roae
Bizzarro  Everett  Mackenzie  Rolfson
Borry  Farry  Malten  Roebuck
Bohac  Fee  Maher  Rothman
Boyle  Fitzgerald  Maloney  Rozzi
Bradford  Flynn  Markosek  Ryan
Briggs  Frankel  Marshall  Saccone
Brown, R.  Freeman  Marsico  Sainato
Brown, V.  Fritz  Maser  Samuelson
Bullock  Gabler  Matzie  Sankey
Burns  Gaine  McClint  Santora
Caltagirone  Galloway  Mcginnis  Saylor
Carroll  Gillen  Mehadie  Schemel
Caur  Gillespie  Mentzer  Schlossberg
Cephas  Godshall  Metcalfe  Schweyer
Charlton  Goodman  Metzgar  Simons
Comitta  Greiner  Miscevich  Sims
Connkin  Grove  Millard  Snyder
Cook  Haggerty  Miller, B.  Solomon
Corbin  Hahn  Miller, D.  Sonney
Cor  Hanna  Milne  Staats
Costa, D.  Harkins  Moul  Stephens
Costa, P.  Harper  Mullery  Sturla
Cox  Harris, A.  Murt  Tallman
Cruz  Harris, J.  Mustio  Thomas
Culiver  Heffley  Neilson  Tobash
Cutler  Helm  Nelson  Tope1
Daley  Hicke  Nesbitt  Toohil
Davidson  Hill  Neuman  Topper
Davis  Irvin  O'Brien  Vazquez
Dawkins  Jozwiak  O'Neill  Vitali
Day  Kampf  Oberlander  Walsh
Dean  Kauffer  Ortitay  Ward
Deasy  Kauffman  Pashinski  Warner
DeLissio  Kavulich  Peifer  Warren
Delozier  Keefer  Petracca  Wentling
DeLuca  Keller, F.  Peterson  Wheatley
Demody  Keller, M.K.  Pickett  Wheeland
Diamond  Keller, W.  Pyle  White
DiGirolamo  Kim  Quigley  Youngblood
Donatucci  Kinsey  Quinn, C.  Zimmerman
Dowling  Kirkland  Quinn, M.  Zimmerman
Driscoll  Klunk  Rader  Turzai
Drush  Knowles  Rapp  Speaker

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–11

Christiana  Hennessey  McCarter  Taylor
Fabrizio  James  McNeill  Watson
Gergely  Mako  Rabb
The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MALONEY called up HR 277, PN 1514, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 24, 2017, as "Motorsports Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–192

Baker
Barbin
Barrar
Benninghoff
Bernistine
Bizzarro
Bloom
Boback
Boyle
Bradford
Briggs
Brown, R.
Brown, V.
Bullock
Burns
Caliguire
Carroll
Causer
Cephas
Charlton
Comitta
Conklin
Cook
Corbin
Corr
Costa, D.
Costa, P.
Cox
Cruz
Culver
Cutler
Daley
Davidson
Davis
Dawkins
Day
Dean
Deasy
DeLissio
Delozier
DeLuca
Dermody
Diamond
DiGirolamo
Donatucci
Doubling
Driscoll
Dunbar
Dush

Knobloch
Kolik
Lawrence
Lewis
Longietti
Mackenzie
Madden
Maher
Maloney
Markosek
Marshall
Marsico
Masser
Matz
McClinton
McGinnis
Mehaffie
Mentzer
Metzgar
Miccarelli
Millard
Miller, B.
Miller, D.
Milne
Moul
Mullery
Murt
Mustio
Neilson
Nelson
Nesbit
Neuman
O'Brien
O'Neill
Oberlander
Orritay
Pashinski
Peifer
Petrarca
Petri
Pickett
Pyle
Quigley
Quinn, C.
Quinn, M.
Rader
Rapp
Ravenstahl
Readshaw
Reed
Reese
Roa
Roe
Roebuck
Rothman
Rozzi
Saccone
Sainato
Samuelson
Sankey
Santora
Saylor
Schemel
Schlossberg
Schwyer
Simmons
Sims
Snyder
Solomon
Sonney
Staats
Stirla
Tallman
Thomas
Tobash
Toepel
Toohil
Topper
Vazquez
Vitali
Walsh
War
Warren
Wentling
Wheatley
Wheeland
White
Zimmerman

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–11

Christiana
Fabrizio
Gergely

Hennessey
James
Mako

McCartner
McNeill
Rabb

Taylor
Watson

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats.

In the rear of the House, we are going to welcome the 2017 class of State System interns, if they will please rise: Michael Walter, Brittany Feichtel, Halle Frisco, Mamadou Dia, Aaron Rosengarten, Craig Bonds, Shaun Smith, Cameron Eisenhauer, and Brandyn Hamilton. It is great to have you here and thank you so much. Welcome to the State Capitol and to the House of Representatives.

Representative Kinsey, Representative Comitta, and Representative Milne are recognized on unanimous consent.

STATEMENT BY MRS. COMITTA

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey, Representative Comitta, and Representative Milne are recognized on unanimous consent.

Mrs. COMITTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my pleasure to welcome political science students from West Chester University. They are here today with Professor John Kennedy. We welcome West Chester. West Chester is here learning about State government. We are proud of West Chester University, ranked number one for many, many accolades, including volunteer time of the students, over 800,000 hours a year, and for being a voter-friendly university. I am a proud alum, class of '74. West Chester University students are our future leaders. We are West Chester University proud. Welcome.

STATEMENT BY MR. MILNE

The SPEAKER. Representative Milne.

Mr. MILNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I follow rules well. I would like to add my words of welcome to the West Chester University class studying Pennsylvania government, and no better place, of course, to study Pennsylvania government than right here in our Pennsylvania Capitol. I am very proud to have been affiliated as a faculty member teaching political science at West Chester University for 25 years. I certainly can attest to the great educational value we provide our students. I am so delighted to see them here getting a chance to see what all of us do every day to make good laws and good public policy on behalf of 12.7 million Pennsylvanians.
We are very proud of West Chester University. Our students are alumni who are leaders, both here in the Capitol – we have many alumni who work here in the Capitol and are doing outstanding work on behalf of Pennsylvanians, and I know we have some future leaders of Pennsylvania sitting back there amongst us.

West Chester University has been ranked as a Top 100 value of best public universities in all of America, so we are very proud of everybody who is affiliated with West Chester – students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators – and we appreciate all the great support we received here from the students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators – and we are proud of everybody who is affiliated with West Chester – outstanding work on behalf of Pennsylvanians, and I know we are very proud of West Chester University. Our students are alumni who are leaders, both here in the Capitol – we have many alumni who work here in the Capitol and are doing outstanding work on behalf of Pennsylvanians, and I know we have some future leaders of Pennsylvania sitting back there amongst us.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to welcome the students from West Chester. I had the opportunity just this past semester to work with Professor Kennedy in his classroom. But, Mr. Speaker, I also want to acknowledge the many members here in the House of Representatives that either have worked or attended West Chester: Ian Mahal, who works for Representative Sainato; Vicki DiLeo, who works for Representative Galloway; Mark Foreman, who works for Representative Wheatley; Representative Charlton is a graduate; Representative Tim Briggs is a graduate; Senator Dinniman and Senator Sabatina are both graduates; Representative Milne, who served as a professor; the gentledady from West Chester, who also served as previous mayor, Representative Comitta; and, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Chairman O'Neill. Even though Chairman O'Neill did not attend West Chester, the story goes that he had to go to West Chester to find his wife. So, Chairman O'Neill, I want to give you kudos also for knowing how great that institution is.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, can the students from West Chester just stand up and be acknowledged one more time. Thank you for being here and welcome to the House.

The SPEAKER. It is great to have these young students here with us today. Thank you.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to call on Chairman Stan Saylor for a committee announcement of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time the Appropriations Committee is directed to go to the majority caucus room.

We are going to continue to do remarks on uncontested resolutions. We are going to begin with Representative Rosemary Brown, followed by Representative David Maloney. Representative Rosemary Brown, followed by Representative David Maloney, and then we have a large group of other members who wish to speak on uncontested resolutions, but these two individuals have guests here today.

Rosemary Brown, just give us a second, Representative Brown.

There will be no votes taken on the floor while the Appropriations Committee is meeting.

Members, please take your seats.

STATEMENT BY MRS. BROWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Rosemary Brown, on HR 134.

Mrs. R. BROWN. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

As State legislators, the first stage of us working on any issues is first to recognize the fact that there actually is an issue. The sad truth is that sexual assault is a reality and it is, unfortunately, very much an issue in our society that needs attention.

I would like to remind you of some devastating statistics. Nearly one in five women in the United States experiences rape in their lifetime. Approximately 80 percent of these female victims experience the rape before the age of 25 and almost half experience the rape before the age of 18. One in six boys is sexually abused by the age of 18. Twenty-eight percent of these male victims were first raped when they were 10 years old or younger.

As a mother of three children, these numbers are extremely disturbing and should be of great concern to each and every one of us in our society, because they shape our society, they shape our environment and the safety for us and even for our loved ones. So these numbers really exemplify the reality of sexual assault and they do not even include the many victims that have never reported. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement agencies across the nation indicate that sexual violence is the most underreported crime in the United States, with only an average of 31 percent of rape and sexual assault incidents being reported to the police. Sexual violence is a violent epidemic which is growing at alarming rates and traumatizing the women, men, and children of our State and our great nation.

So because of this, for 5 years I have sponsored HR 134, to bring awareness to the reality of sexual assault and violence and encourage efforts both at the State and local levels towards education and prevention. Every person can and should promote and share respectful behaviors and care for each other in stopping the harm before it occurs. Pay attention to unacceptable sexual behaviors or verbiage and take action in some way, shape, or form to help change the thoughts, beliefs, or actions that are unsafe. For those at home watching, I would ask you to challenge yourself on what you can do in your circle of activities to strengthen the respect among each other through your daily works. We must be creative and consistent, and we must not ever make excuses for anyone who assaults victims.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the great work of the 50 rape crisis centers throughout the Commonwealth who care for over 30,000 victims each year, as well as their families and PCAR, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, that support our local agencies back home.

So we are joined today on the House floor by a few of these people who work diligently against domestic violence and sexual assaults. We are joined by Joyce Lukima, who is over...
here patiently waiting, the chief operating officer of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. Joyce, will you stand up for us. Thank you. Michele Minor-Wolf, who is the executive director of Victims Intervention Program serving Wayne County. Michele. Thank you, Michele. And Susan Mathias, who is the chief executive officer of Transitions of Pennsylvania, serving Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties. Thank you. Thank you very much for all that you do. These individuals work diligently on sexual violence prevention and help the many victims of sexual violence as well.

So as a legislative body, I would like to see us work together towards even stronger, consistent character education and violence prevention efforts in our schools at a very young age. I would like to thank you for your support of HR 134 today as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. MALONEY

The SPEAKER. Representative David Maloney is recognized to speak on HR 277.

Mr. MALONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for voting unanimously today on the Motorsports Day having been stated as today, April 24.

This Commonwealth benefits economically from the longtime investment of the wide range of businesses that are involved in the production, the engineering, and the various vehicles that we see today in racing. Pennsylvania is one of two States having the most National Association for Stock Car Racing, NASCAR, fans. We often think of the Pocono as a Super Bowl of Pennsylvania, and today I would like to recognize and ask you to give a warm welcome to two important people we have with us today, Brandon Igdalsky, president and CEO (chief executive officer) of Pocono Raceway, and Ricky Durst, director of marketing and tickets for Pocono Raceway, in the back. Thank you, sir.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Maloney.

The Chair is going to continue with remarks on uncontested resolutions. We have quite a long list of members who wish to speak. It will go in this order: Representative Pashinski, Representative Quinn, Representative Hill-Evans, Representative McClinton, Representative Murt, and Representative Bizzarro.

STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski, you may begin.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you once again, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, every year on April 28 we observe "Workers' Memorial Day" to honor all the hardworking Americans who have lost their lives on the job. Coinciding with the Occupational Safety and Health Care Act, which became law in 1971, this day should serve both as a reminder of the sacrifices made by workers all over the country and as a reminder of the importance of workplace safety.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4,836 American workers lost their lives in 2015; 4,836. That is the highest total since 2008. In our own State, 173 Pennsylvanians lost their lives in work-related accidents and incidents in 2015. That is 173 husbands and wives, sons or daughters, parents or grandparents, who went to work one day and did not return home.

As we remember those who have lost their lives, we must remember and emphasize workplace safety. We must continue to encourage safety in the workplace and stress that employers and employees work together to take every necessary step to ensure a safe, healthy, and hazard-free workplace. Supporting this resolution will send a message to our workers that we care. We care about their standards of work and we care about their safety as they provide the labor necessary to improve our infrastructure and all the things that are essential, the goods and services, to make our lives, our State, better.

I want to thank all my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and I thank you today for supporting the Pennsylvania workers in our HR 78, Workers' Memorial Day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Before we proceed with the speakers on uncontested resolutions, I am going to just do some additional visitor recognitions.

Located to the left of the rostrum, we welcome Patrick Weaver. Please stand. He is a student at Millersville University and he is interning with Representative Bryan Cutler. Great to see you, Patrick.

In the well of the House, we welcome guest page Alaina Harpst, who has come all the way from Greenville, PA, and she is the guest of Representative Wentling.

Located in the well of the House, we welcome guest page Anna Cooper, who attends St. Michael School in Greenville. She is the guest of Representative Longietti.

Located in the gallery, we welcome the Faith Builders Christian School from Guys Mills and they are guests of Representative Brad Roae. Please stand. Thank you so much for being with us today. It is great to have you.

Representative Quinn is on the Appropriations Committee, so we will hold off on HR 238 remarks until later.

STATEMENTS BY MRS. EVANS

The SPEAKER. Representative Hill-Evans is here and is going to speak on two separate resolutions. Representative Hill-Evans, the floor is yours.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues for recognizing April 2017 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania. Animals provide us joy, companionship, and perform important jobs every day for the people of Pennsylvania. Whether it is providing comfort to a victim of crime, assisting our first responders, or simply welcoming us home from a long day at work, we owe our thanks to our furry and feathered friends.
One important way we can show our gratitude is by being their voices and advocates. While your dog or cat may be able to tell you when they are hungry or want attention, they and other animals are not able to propose laws or speak out against cruelty. That is why the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the ASPCA, was founded in 1866. Their mission is to assist animals in need and promote the humane care and treatment of animals. The ASPCA celebrates their victories in protecting animals by designating each April as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month," while encouraging animal lovers and pets to wear their official color, orange.

In addition to observing the month, we can and should take action to raise awareness about the abuse and neglect of animals. That includes promoting signs of abuse and steps we can all take to report suspected cases. Some signs of abuse include tick or flea infestations; wounds on the body; patches of missing hair; extremely thin, starving animals; animals who cower in fear or act aggressively when approached by their owners. If you see these or other signs of suspected abuse or neglect, it is important for each of us to speak up. Report animal cruelty, notify local law enforcement or your State's local humane animal control or animal shelter organizations immediately, and be sure to document as many details as possible.

Finally, as legislators, we are in the unique position to strengthen laws that prevent and punish perpetrators of cruelty to animals. This week we have the opportunity to vote on a package of such laws, including one to have Pennsylvania join 47 other States in making animal abuse a felony, popularly known as Libre's Law. I can think of no better way to honor Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month than to advance this package toward becoming law.

Thank you again to my colleagues, the ASPCA, as well as the Humane Society and animal advocates across the Commonwealth for your work on this issue and recognizing this month, celebrating the progress we have made towards ending cruelty to animals.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Hill-Evans. Will you be speaking on a second resolution?

Mrs. EVANS. Yes.

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. I do understand that the Appropriations Committee is back. After Representative Hill-Evans speaks on the second resolution that she has sponsored, we are going to take some third consideration votes, but I would ask all members to please take your seats.

Please give Representative Hill-Evans your undivided attention.

Representative, you may proceed. Thank you.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and to my colleagues for recognizing the week of April 24 as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania. Since 1971, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the NAEYC, has brought attention to the needs of young children and their families by coordinating the Week of the Young Child with local organizations like their York County affiliate and the York County United Way across the Commonwealth and across the nation.

This week is a time to consider the positive impacts that quality early childhood education can have for our children and the communities they live in. Research shows that by age 5 a child's brain is 90 percent developed. Access to high-quality child care and pre-K can predict academic success. It can reduce behavioral problems and increase scores on measures of thinking ability and language development.

It is hard to find a better investment than in our young children. Every dollar we invest in high-quality pre-K returns up to $7 in long-term savings and benefits. That is money saved on special education interventions for children who enter grade school behind their peers or prisons and other assistance programs later in life. In fact, one study followed a group of at-risk children from preschool to age 40 with half of the participants attending a quality preschool program and the other half did not. The results were staggering. By age 40, those who had participated in preschool were 21 percent more likely to have graduated from high school, 15 percent more likely to be employed, made an average of $5,000 more a year in income, were more likely to own a home, and had 20 percent fewer lifetime arrests.

We know the economic and educational benefits, and yet less than 20 percent of Pennsylvania's 3- and 4-year-olds have access to high-quality, publicly funded pre-K in Pennsylvania. That needs to change. That starts with making sure we pass a budget that increases funding to pre-K programs like Head Start so that all young children and their families have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits that early childhood education affords them. The Week of the Young Child is the perfect time to renew our commitment to investing in the future of the Commonwealth. This is an investment in the future of the Commonwealth and the thousands of educators and support staff who make these services possible for too often little compensation.

I want to close by recognizing the professionals and organizations who work to improve crucial early learning opportunities for children throughout the Commonwealth. They play an important role in shaping the future of our children, helping them develop cognitively and socially, all while providing them with care and support. Thank you for making each of your weeks about our young children, and thank you to my colleagues for recognizing the importance of meeting the needs of our young children by recognizing the Week of the Young Child.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Hill-Evans. We are going to hold off on some other remarks and resolutions. We will be getting to them.

BILL S REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 97, PN 1503

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for advertising; in pupils and attendance, providing for transfer of attendance records to another school entity or nonpublic school; in terms and courses of study, further providing for agreements with institutions of higher education; in opportunities for educational excellence, further providing for definitions, for responsibilities of school entities and for concurrent enrollment agreements; and, in charter schools, extensively revising and adding charter school provisions.
APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 144, PN 108  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, further providing for exemptions from registration.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 217, PN 1502  By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 267, PN 226  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in theft and related offenses, defining the offense of theft of secondary metal; and prescribing penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 453, PN 1501  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in department of the Auditor General, further providing for audits of agencies receiving State aid.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 489, PN 513  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving indecent exposure when children present.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 508, PN 1500  By Rep. SAYLOR


APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 674, PN 1499  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, providing for lottery winnings intercept.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 780, PN 1263  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, further providing for definitions, for license requirements, for exceptions to license requirements, for general requirements, for powers conferred on certain licensees engaged in the mortgage loan business, for mortgage loan business prohibitions, for application for license, for license fees and for licensee requirements and providing for the promulgation of regulations to effectively incorporate Federal regulations.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 834, PN 916  By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge.

SUPPLEMENTAL B CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 780, PN 1263, entitled:

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, further providing for definitions, for license requirements, for exceptions to license requirements, for general requirements, for powers conferred on certain licensees engaged in the mortgage loan business, for mortgage loan business prohibitions, for application for license, for license fees and for licensee requirements and providing for the promulgation of regulations to effectively incorporate Federal regulations.

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–184

Baker  Dush  Klunk  Quinn, M.
Barbin  Ellis  Knowles  Rader
Barrar  Ennick  Kortz  Ravenstahl
Benninghoff  English  Krueger  Readshaw
Berri  Evankovich  Kulik  Reed
Bizzarro  Evans  Lawrence  Reese
Bloom  Everett  Lewis  Roe
Boback  Farry  Longietti  Roebuck
Boyle  Fee  Mackenzie  Rozzi
Briggs  Fitzgerald  Madden  Ryan
Brown, R.  Flynn  Maher  Sainato
Brown, V.  Frankel  Maloney  Sainato
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 1039, PN 1203, entitled:

An Act authorizing certain financial institutions to conduct savings promotion raffles; and providing for enforcement by the Department of Banking and Securities.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)
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 144,
PN 108, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200,
No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes
Act, further providing for exemptions from registration.

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—192

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 674,
PN 1499, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351,
No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, providing for lottery
winnings intercept.

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
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The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192
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 508, PN 1500, entitled:


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–190

Baker Dush Knowles Rapp
Barbin Ellis Kortz Ravenstahl
Barrar Emmick Krueger Reashaw
Benninghoff English Kulk Reed
Bernstine Evankovich Lawrence Reese
Bizzarro Evans Lewis Roe
Bloom Everett Longietti Roe
Boback Farry Mackenzie Roebuck
Boyle Fee Madden Rothman
Bradford Fitzgerald Maloney Rozzi
Briggs Flynn Maloney Ryan
Brown, R. Frankel Markosek Saconne
Brown, V. Freeman Marshall Sainato
Bullock Fritz Marsico Samuelson
Burns Gabler Masser Sankey
Calgarione Gainey Matzie Santora
Carroll Galloway McGinnis Saylor
Causer Gillen Mehaffie Schemel
Charlton Godshall Metzgar Schlossberg
Comitta Goodman Metcalfe Schweyer
Conklin Greiner Miccarelli Sims
Cook Grover Millard Snyder
Corbin Haggerty Miller, B. Solomon
Cos, R. Hahn Miller, D. Sonney
Costa, D. Harkins Milne Staats
Costa, P. Harris Mullery Sturla
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Cruz Harris, J. Mustio Thomas
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Delozier Keeler Petracca Wentling
DeLuca Keller, F. Petri Wheatley
Dermody Keller, M.K. Pickett Wheeland
Diamond Keller, W. Pyle White
DiGirolamo Kim Quigley Youngblood
Donatucci Kinsey Quinn, C. Zimmerman
Dowling Kirkland Quinn, M. Rader
Driscoll Klunk Rader Turzai
Dunbar Knowles Rapp Speaker
Dush Kortz

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–11

Christiana Hennessey McCarter Taylor
Fabrizio James McNeill Watson
Gergely Mako Rabb

McClinton Thomas

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–11

Christian Hennessey McCarter Taylor
Fabrizio James McNeill Watson
Gergely Mako Rabb

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 267, PN 226, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in theft and related offenses, defining the offense of theft of secondary metal; and prescribing 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–178**

Baker  Ellis  Krueger  Rapp
Barbin  Emrick  Kulik  Ravenstahl
Barrar  English  Lawrence  Readshaw
Benninghoff  Evankovich  Lewis  Reed
Bernistine  Evans  Longietti  Reese
Bizzarro  Everett  Mackenzie  Roae
Bloom  Farley  Madden  Roe
Boback  Farry  Maher  Roebuck
Boyle  Fitzgerald  Maloney  Rothman
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Burlock  Fritz  Masser  Sainato
Burns  Gabler  Matzie  Samuelson
Caltagirone  Gainey  McGinnis  Sankey
Carroll  Galloway  Mehaffie  Santora
Causer  Gillen  Mentzer  Saylor
Charlton  Gillespie  Metcalfe  Schemel
Comitta  Godshall  Metzgar  Schlossberg
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Cox  Harkins  Murt  Stephens
Cruz  Harper  Mustio  Sturla
Culver  Harris, A.  Neilson  Tallman
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Diamond  Keefer  Petri  Wheeland

DiGirolamo  Keller, F.  Pickett  White
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Dowling  Keller, W.  Quigley  Zimmerman
Driscoll  Klunk  Quinn, C.  Turzai
Dunbar  Knowles  Quinn, M.  Speaker
Dush  Kortz  Rader  NAYS–14

Briggs  Harris, J.  McClinton  Thomas
Cephas  Kim  Miller, D.  Vazquez
Dawkins  Kinsey  Sims  Vazquez
Dean  Kirkland

NOT VOTING–0

Excused–11

Christiana  Hennessey  McCar  Taylor
Fabrizio  James  McNeill  Watson
Gergely  Mako  Rabb

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. Do you want to be recognized on unanimous consent?

It has been called to my attention on the calendar after HB 508 is HB 267. We asked for HB 267. I understand the clerk read the summary for HB 217—No; in fact, she did read the right summary. She read the right summary for HB 267 and that was the bill that we voted on. The summary was consistent with the bill that we read. It was HB 267. The clerk read the right summary for HB 267, and on the calendar, HB 267 – and I am just going in order today, that we have on supplemental B – followed HB 508.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 489, PN 513, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving indecent exposure when children present.

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 453, PN 1501**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in department of the Auditor General, further providing for audits of agencies receiving State aid.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, you are recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. RYAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, thank you all so much for the affirmative vote today on HB 453. This bill starts a package of a financial rescue plan that helps us recognize the critical financial infrastructure changes we need to make in Pennsylvania. A number of other bills are currently pending to include funding the unfunded pension liabilities as well as working to get us to a defined contribution plan. But part of this is really designed to give greater accountability of the Auditor General so that we can go through and ensure that the money that is allocated by the House of Representatives is, in fact, spent the way it was intended. It is so that our citizens get the greatest benefit for their tax dollars, the hardworking citizens of the Commonwealth. This begins step number one of a fairly long process so that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not go by the wayside of the steel industry, the coal, and the rail. Now is the time that you send the message loud and clear that we are going to put and restore the financial accountability for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and thank you for the affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 834, PN 916, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Cobble 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.
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 217, PN 1502, entitled:

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.

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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EXCUSED–11

Christiana Hennessey McCarter Taylor
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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.

The SPEAKER. We have two resolutions that are on the House calendar. We are going to vote them, and then they, along with other speakers who still wish to be recognized on the uncontested resolutions, will be recognized.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. WHEATLEY called up HR 261, PN 1471, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2017 as "National Minority Health Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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

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Mr. FRANKEL called up HR 267, PN 1482, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 23 through 30, 2017, as “Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust” and recognizing April 24, 2017, as “Holocaust Remembrance Day” in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–11

Christiana Hennessey McCarter Taylor
Fabrizio James McNeill Watson
Gergely Mako Rabb

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Bizzarro, I understand you are going to be submitting remarks for the record on HR 211. The floor is yours, sir.

Mr. BIZZARRO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be submitting my remarks for the record. The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir, on HR 211.

Mr. BIZZARRO submitted the following remarks for the legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, House colleagues, for your support of my HR 211, which aims to educate and raise awareness of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, a cancer of soft tissue known by many names, including UPS.

Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma sounds scary and it is. Last year more than 12,000 new soft tissue sarcomas were diagnosed in the United States and about 4,990 Americans died in 2016 from the disease. UPS is an aggressive tumor that usually affects adults and rarely children. Signs and symptoms most commonly appear as
swelling and masses in the lower extremities, especially in the thighs, but they can appear anywhere on the body. When the tumor gets large enough, it may start to press on other organs and cause swelling, pain, or blockage. No single method of treatment appears to be successful. A combination of surgery, chemotherapy, targeted drug agents, and sometimes radiation is used.

Most troubling is that scientists do not know the exact cause of most cases of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma. However, they have identified risk factors, including radiation, certain family cancer syndromes, a damaged lymph system, and exposure to certain chemicals, which make a person more likely to develop the disease. An especially cruel aspect is that patients might develop sarcomas from radiation given to treat other cancers like breast cancer or lymphoma. The sarcoma often starts in the area of the body that had been treated with radiation.

There is hope and the unanimous support shown today for HR 211 will help support the efforts, programs, services, and organizations, including the American Cancer Society, which work to enhance research and awareness of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma. For example, radiation therapy techniques have improved steadily over several decades. Treatments now target cancers more precisely, and more is known about selecting radiation doses. These advances are expected to reduce the number of cancers caused by radiation therapy. Education and awareness will put us closer to finding cures for these specific cancers and add to the toolbox of therapies for all cancers.

Again, thank you all for your support battling this scary disease with a long and scary name, undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcy Toepel is called upon for caucus announcements.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus immediately at the break. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 4 o’clock.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Frankel, for caucus announcements.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus right away. Democrats will caucus immediately. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will return at 4 o’clock. We are going to stand in recess until 4 p.m. Those who have not yet spoken on behalf of their resolutions, I believe Representative Quinn on HR 238; Representative McClinton on HR 204; Representative Murt on three resolutions, 130, 191, 198; Representative Wheatley on 261; and Representative Frankel on 267. When we return to the floor, everyone will have that opportunity to speak on their resolutions.

At this time we are going to stand in recess until 4 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 5 p.m.; further extended until 5:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

(MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman, Mr. Gergely, and he will be added to the master roll.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The majority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. McGinnis, and the gentleman, Mr. ROTHMAN. Without objection, the leaves of absence will be so granted.

The minority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. SCHWEYER, and the leave of absence will be granted, without objection.

The majority whip requests leaves of absence for the gentleman, Mr. PYLE; the gentlelady, Ms. HARPER; and the gentleman, Mr. EVANKOVICH, for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be so granted.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Murt, to speak on HR 130, HR 191, and HR 198 – Earth Day, Armenian Genocide, and Children’s Mental Health Awareness.

Representative Murt.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all my colleagues for supporting HR 191 and for acknowledging a genocide that is all too often forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, between 1915 and 1923, the Ottoman Empire perpetrated genocide on 1.5 million men, women, and children of Armenian descent in an attempt to eliminate all traces of the 3,000-year-old Armenian culture. In April 1915 the Ottoman government embarked on the systematic decimation of its civilian Armenian population. The persecutions continued with varying intensity until 1923 when the Ottoman Empire ceased to exist and was replaced by the Republic of Turkey.

Mr. Speaker, the Armenian population of the Ottoman state was reported at about 2 million in 1915. An estimated 1 million had perished by 1918, while hundreds of thousands had become homeless and stateless refugees. By 1923 virtually the entire Armenian population of the Anatolian region of the Ottoman Empire had disappeared. With their disappearance, an ancient people, which had inhabited the Armenian highlands for 3,000 years, lost its historic homeland and was forced into exile.

The surviving refugees spread around the world and eventually settled in more than two dozen countries around the world.
Mr. Speaker, since the genocide, the Turkish Republic has denied the charge of genocide and deportation that had constituted part of a deliberate plan to exterminate the Armenians. This denial remains in many parts of the world.

I thank my colleagues for their support of this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and he may continue on his resolution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Rothman, on the floor of the House and he will be added back to the master roll, without objection.

STATEMENTS BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Murt, on the resolution.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank my colleagues for passing HR 198, which declares May 1 through 8 "Childhood Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. In doing so, our Commonwealth will join in the national campaign to focus on the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children and young adults with mental or substance use disorders.

Research shows that half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. We also know that changes in the brain leading to mental illness may start much earlier, long before symptoms appear. Through greater understanding of when and how fast specific areas of a child's brain develops, we will learn more about the early stages of a wide range of mental illnesses that appear later in life.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, if we can help young children and their parents better manage difficulties early in life, we may be able to prevent the development of full-blown disorders. The challenge is that while we know how to treat many disorders, too many children with mental illnesses are not getting treatment. Through Childhood Mental Health Awareness Week, communities across our Commonwealth will host programs and activities to focus on the social, emotional, behavioral, and physical health needs of our children. In doing so, we will be better able to rescue children from a lifetime of mental illness.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Do you have one more resolution, Mr. Murt? You may proceed.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is in response to HR 130, which was run today uncontested.

Mr. Speaker, we live on a magnificent planet. With its abundance of water, the earth hosts an incredibly complex and vibrant ecosystem where living organisms interact within an environment that is ideal for life. But to maintain this delicate balance, we must be diligent. Since that first Earth Day in 1970, we have only begun to understand the consequences of our actions and the impact they have on the world. Experts estimate that every day we lose about 130 plant, animal, and insect species.

This is why Earth Day is so important. Established on April 22, 1970, Earth Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate what we have and educate each other on what we are losing by acting in ways that are environmentally unfriendly or energy inefficient. Earth Day is a reminder to take action now to protect our environment. In the 45 years since that first Earth Day, we have made a number of landmark accomplishments, including the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970, the Clean Air Act of 1970, the Clean Water Act of 1972, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, and the Federal Occupational Health and Safety Act aimed at in-plant pollution.

Mr. Speaker, we still have much work to do, which is why I want to thank my colleagues for their support in recognizing Earth Day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time, members, the Chair will recognize Representative McClinton, who is recognized to speak on HR 204, National D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Day.

You may proceed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, fellow House members, for helping me to recognize the need to educate and prevent our youth—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlelady please suspend.

Members, please take your seats. Kindly take your seats or your conversations to the rear of the House. We have a couple more speakers as well. One will be a Holocaust remembrance, so please, members, it is difficult to hear the speakers.

The gentlelady may proceed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, fellow House members, for helping me to recognize the need to educate and prevent our youth from getting involved in illegal drugs. HR 204 declares April 20 as "National D.A.R.E. Day" right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

While this program has been an integral part of empowering our youth to say "no" to drugs for over 20 years, today the D.A.R.E. program is more important than ever. We see it in the headlines, sadly, every day. People are dealing with the opioid addiction, heroin overdoses, and we all know how real the epidemic is right here in the Commonwealth and our young people are no exception. Whether they obtain drugs that are highly addictive or deadly by stealing them from a member of their family or from getting them from a friend at school, we must dare Pennsylvania’s youth to say "no" to drugs, opioids, and illegal substances. Without drug education programs, many children would remain uninformed about drug usage. They would also be powerless to take action in the fight against drugs. Everyone must understand that the problems that are associated with drug abuse are very serious, and they have to understand how the body deteriorates and how families ultimately suffer from drug addiction.
In addition, education plays a key role in changing that. By educating our young people about the dangers of drugs, we can work together to bring down the number of Pennsylvanians addicted to opioids, addicted to heroin, addicted to cocaine, and any illegal substances and ultimately help to bring an end to this epidemic.

Thank you for supporting HR 204.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MR. FRANKEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Frankel, on HR 267, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Members, please take your seats. Mr. Frankel will suspend until things quiet down.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for their support of HR 267, which designates April 23 through April 30, 2017, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" and recognizing April 24, 2017, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

As the years pass, it has been easier for some people to think about the Holocaust as just a terrible event that happened 75 years ago on another continent and that it may not have relevance to today. I believe the relevance of the Holocaust and the relevance of commemorating this dark time in our history will never subside.

Recently I was made aware of a story of Pennsylvania's connection, and there are many, to the Holocaust that I had not heard before. Before World War II, the largest rescue of Jewish refugee children at one time was aided by a Pennsylvania couple. A lawyer and his wife, Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus, traveled to Austria in 1939 and brought 50 Jewish children back to Pennsylvania. The descendants of those 50 children must number in the hundreds if not thousands here in our country today. The Krauses learned about a visa loophole that they used to get the State Department to reissue new visas for the ones that had previously been issued to families who had gone abroad or never used them at all. It was a plan that helped save the lives of those children in 1939, and we are grateful today for what the Krauses did.

Mr. Speaker, let us contrast this amazing rescue effort with what was going on in Congress at the very same time. In 1939 Congress was debating a measure to issue 20,000 German refugee children special visas that came with the condition that guaranteed financial support from sponsor families. Despite the mass violence in Germany during Kristallnacht in late 1938, this proposal did not pass Congress, and in fact, public opinion ran 2 to 1 against this bill to save refugee children. It is a good lesson that sometimes we need citizen leaders to inspire elected officials to do the right thing.

Pennsylvania has other special connections to the horrible events of the Holocaust as well. We know that soldiers from the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard unit who were suspected of being Jewish were transferred to the brutal slave labor camp at Berga that had the highest POW (prisoner of war) mortality rate. There is even an infamous picture available online of a grave at the Berga Camp, and on top of the grave marker is a helmet with the Keystone insignia of the 28th Division Pennsylvania National Guard unit.

But we also know that some Pennsylvanians were liberators of the camps and some Pennsylvanians helped prosecute Nazis for war crimes. We are grateful for what these Pennsylvanians were able to do.

For decades after the Holocaust, many survivors did not want to share their stories, but since the 1970s, there have been serious efforts to educate our youth and our communities. Almost 1,000 Pennsylvania Holocaust survivors from every part of the State have had their oral histories transcribed by the Shoah Project, created by Steven Spielberg. There are great museums and education programs based in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. There are memorials and commemorations in Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and other parts of the State. At Seton Hill University there is a National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education.

With the strong support of this General Assembly and through the advocacy of educators, nonprofits, and community groups, Pennsylvania has developed strong curriculum that gives local school districts the choice of solid educational materials to teach about the Holocaust and genocide.

Earlier today I was honored to speak at the Holocaust commemoration here at the Capitol with a number of survivors and heirs of survivors. It was a special occasion, and what we have noticed over the years, certainly as time passes, fewer and fewer survivors are with us today as that generation dies off. But it is so important the commemoration has an impact to be able to continue their memories and to remind us. I hope that next year many of you will have the opportunity to join us at that.

I want to thank those thousands of Pennsylvanians who told their stories for the Shoah Project. It is a chance to thank the survivors of the Holocaust as well as their sons and daughters and grandchildren, it is a chance to thank those institutions that have organized to tell the story of the Holocaust and the many groups who commemorate this tragic event, and it is a chance to thank educators and schools who give their students an opportunity to learn about the Holocaust.

Today is a day for us to remember the Holocaust and the toll it took on the world and for us never to forget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1071, PN 1270, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other subjects of taxation, prohibiting bans, fees, surcharges and taxes on recyclable plastic bags.

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 438, PN 454, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations and liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for spirit expanded permits.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair understands that there have been a couple of amendments filed by the gentleman, Representative Ellis.
And, Mr. Ellis, do you intend to offer your amendments?
Mr. ELLIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
At this time I have received word from the chairman of the Liquor Committee that we will actually be considering my amendment as a bill in the coming weeks and then on the House floor, and because the bills that we are considering tonight are broken down into specific regions, I think that we should also consider my amendment separately, and I am happy with that. So I will be withdrawing the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 975, PN 1476, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for wine wholesale license and for wine retail license.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Ellis, is it also my understanding you are withdrawing your amendments to HB 975. Is that correct? HB 975? The Chair thanks the gentleman.
The gentleman, Representative Ellis’ amendments are withdrawn.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 991, PN 1234, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers of board and for specific subjects on which board may adopt regulations; in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores; and providing for retail stores.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is my understanding that all amendments have been withdrawn from HB 991.
Mr. Lawrence, is that correct? Thank you, sir.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1075, PN 1274, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for wholesale permit and for wholesale licenses; and, in disposition of moneys collected under provisions of act, further providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Fund for use of the Commonwealth, providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Operating Fund for use of the board and establishing the State Stores Operating Fund.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is also the Speaker’s understanding that all amendments have been withdrawn from HB 1075.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Thomas, are you seeking recognition on this bill? It is my understanding you have comment.
The gentleman is recognized.
Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, I filed a couple amendments to this bill, but it is my understanding that they were filed late and that there might be a question of germaneness and there might be a question of whether I can get a sufficient amount of votes to suspend the rules so that the amendment can be offered.
And so to that end, rather than to delay the House, I wanted to at least take a moment to ask members to put on their plate that as we move forward with this expanded liquor license initiative, it is important that we know that there are more than 5,000 people working for the Pennsylvania State store system. As we expand these liquor licenses, we are going to be putting people out of work, and in putting them out of work, we are going to be creating a subclass of workers, because under this expanded liquor license program, there are no guarantees to a minimum wage other than $7.15 an hour, there is no guarantee for medical benefits, there is no guarantee for upward mobility. So we are creating these expanded licenses that will be hiring people under conditions different than those of people who are working in the State store system.
And secondly, Mr. Speaker, it is clear across the country, and I look to our friends in New Jersey for some guidance, and that is as New Jersey went to a private system, the number of fatal casualties associated with teenage drinking and driving rose, tripled the time that it was prior to privatization. And so, Mr. Speaker, our friends in the New Jersey General Assembly had to move to limit the availability of alcohol in the hands of people after 10 o’clock at night, so that after 10 o’clock you cannot go buy alcohol in any of their private stores in New Jersey. You can buy beer, but you cannot buy alcohol.

And so, Mr. Speaker, as we move forward with these expanded licenses, take note of the hours in which these expanded operators will be selling wine, beer, and alcohol. Mr. Speaker, we need to be sure and make sure that these expanded stores are not able to operate beyond the hours of our State stores. The restrictions on the availability of alcohol in our State stores have been directly connected to the public safety on our highways.

And so to that end, my amendment would have dealt with the issue of minimum wage, a fair wage with meaningful benefits, and would have dealt with the hours of operation, that these expanded license holders should be limited to the sale of alcohol after 9 or 10 o’clock at night.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman for withdrawing his amendment.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will be delighted to know there will be no further votes this evening.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 438;
HB 975;
HB 991;
HB 1071; and
HB 1075.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 105;
HB 168;
HB 290;
HB 399;
HB 939;
HB 1022.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Willie Tallman moves that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 11 a.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 5:49 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.