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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by Pastor Mike Marcheskie of True Grace Bible Ministry in Coal Township, Pennsylvania. He is the guest of Representative Kurt Masser.

Pastor.

PASTOR MIKE MARCHESKIE, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you. Again, it is a privilege to be here.
I thank Mr. Masser and his staff. Everything went smooth, and I appreciate that. Thank you.
Let us pray:
Our gracious Father, just thank You for these men and women that are here to serve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I do pray You give them wisdom, discernment as they make their decisions for the betterment of this Commonwealth, and we thank You in Christ's name.

Well, you can raise your heads now. I would just like to say a few things, if I may. You know, as a preacher and a lawmaker, politician, we have a few things in common. They say that we are long-winded, so I hope I do not live up to that one this morning. Well, just a brief comment is, as representatives we have responsibilities – you folks to the Commonwealth and me as a preacher to God. He calls me an ambassador. So it is my privilege to be here this morning as God's ambassador, and I thank Him and you folks for that privilege.

So shall we continue to pray:
So, Father, again we just thank You that the foundation of this country, the foundation of this Commonwealth was built on Your Word, and I pray that the leaders would continue to focus on Your Word and these foundations that have been built many, many years ago. So we thank You and I thank You for these people – the men and women that represent each and every citizen of this Commonwealth. And again I pray that You give them the wisdom and discernment that they need each and every day to make the best decisions, and we thank You.

In Christ's name, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 25, 2017, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 187, PN 247
By Rep. CAUSER
An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions and for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 485, PN 509
By Rep. GILLESPIE
An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, repealing provisions relating to junior hunter projects; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for unlawful acts concerning licenses.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 602, PN 630
By Rep. GILLESPIE
An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the offense of dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 790, PN 1570 (Amended)
By Rep. CAUSER
An Act regulating controlled plants and noxious weeds; establishing the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; providing for powers and duties of the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Agriculture and municipalities; prescribing penalties; establishing a category of controlled plants and providing for the permitting of controlled plants; and making a related repeal.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for the following: Tim HENNESSEY of Chester County for the day, Harry LEWIS of Chester County for the day, Tom QUIGLEY of Montgomery County for the day, Justin SIMMONS of Lehigh County for the day, and Jeff WHEELAND of Lycoming County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for the following: Flo FABRIZIO of Erie County for the day, Dan McNEILL of Lehigh County for the day, Christopher ABB of Philadelphia County for the day, Mike STURLA of Lancaster County for the day, and Dan FRANKEL of Allegheny County for the day.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We will proceed to take a vote on the master roll. Members, please vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT–189

Baker Dush Knowles Rapp
Barbin Ellis Kortz Ravenstahl
Barrar Emrick Krueger Readshaw
Benninghoff English Kulik Reed
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Bloom Everett Mackenzie Roe
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Dowling Kinsey Quinn, C. Speaker
Driscol Kirkland Quinn, M. Rader
Dunbar Klunk

ADDITIONS–0
NOT VOTING–0
EXCUSED–14

Christiana James Quigley Sturla
Fabrizio Lewis Rabb Taylor
Frankel Mako Simmons Wheeland
Hennessey McNeill

LEAVES ADDED–6

Cruz Moul Warner Wheatley
Frankel Turzai

LEAVES CANCELED–4

Frankel Quigley Warner Wheeland

The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-nine members having voted on the master roll, there is a quorum present today.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BURNS called up HR 13, PN 16, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2017 as "Law Month" and May 1, 2017, as "Law Day" in Pennsylvania and urging lawmakers, attorneys, judges and schools to participate in this year's celebration.

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Mr. READSHAW called up HR 92, PN 552, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2017 as "Military Service Opportunity Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up HR 93, PN 553, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2017, as "Junior Achievement Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up HR 115, PN 728, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2, 2017, as "Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BAKER called up HR 179, PN 1061, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 4, 2017, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania.
Mr. MURT called up HR 197, PN 1195, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2017, as "The Battle of the Crooked Billet Day" in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. BULLOCK called up HR 207, PN 1245, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 27, 2017, as "Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the 24th annual national and international observance.

Mr. B. MILLER called up HR 221, PN 1299, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 27, 2017, as "Don't Text and Drive Day" in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. KULIK called up HR 227, PN 1305, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2017, as "Melanoma Monday" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. FREEMAN called up HR 241, PN 1348, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. MATZIE called up HR 254, PN 1430, entitled:


Mrs. SNYDER called up HR 272, PN 1518, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. ROEBUCK called up HR 283, PN 1555, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 1, 2017, as "International Workers' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.
The SPEAKER. We are going to turn to the regular House calendar. All members will have an opportunity to speak on their resolutions. We will be calling all members to speak on their resolutions, but we are going to turn to the regular House calendar.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. GODSHALL called up HR 251, PN 1427, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing Souderton Area High School’s SouderTHON in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. All members will be recognized after the votes to be able to speak on the resolutions. We will be going in order for all the members.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Bradford Fitzgerald Maloney Rozzi
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Brown, V. Fritz Marsico Sainato
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Burns Gainey Matzie Sankey
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Corry Hahn Miller. Stephens
Costa, D. Hanna Miller, D. Staats
Costa, P. Harkins Milne Tallman
Cox Harper Moul Thomas
Cruz Harris, A. Mullery Tobash
Culver Harris, J. Murt Toepel
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Davidson Hickernell Nelson Vazquez
Davis Hill Nesbit Vitali
Dawkins Irvin Neuman Walsh
Day Jozwiak O'Brien Ward
Dean Kampf O'Neill Warner
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DeLissio Kauffman Ortitay Watson
Delozier Kaulich Pashinski Westling
DeLuca Keefer Peifer Wheatley
Dermody Keller, F. Petraca White
Diamond Keller, M.K. Petri Youngblood
DiGirolamo Keller, W. Pickett Zimmerman
Donatucci Kim Pyle Turzai,
Dowling Kinsey Quinn, C. Speaker
Driscoll Kirkland Quinn, M.
Dunbar Klunk Rader

NAYS–0
NOT VOTING–0
EXCUSED–14

Christian James Quigley Sturla
Fabrizio Lewis Rabb Taylor
Frankel Mako Simmons Wheeland
Hennessey McNell

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

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Mr. ROEBUCK called up HR 281, PN 1525, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Head Coach Dawn Staley of the University of South Carolina on winning the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball National Championship in Dallas, Texas, on April 2, 2017.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–189

Baker Dush Knowles Rapp
Barbin Ellis Kortz Ravenstahl
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Bernistine Evankovich Lawrence Reese
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Briggs Flynn Markosek Ryan
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Costa, D. Hanna Miller, D. Staats
Costa, P. Harkins Milne Tallman
Cox Harper Moul Thomas
Cruz Harris, A. Mullery Tobash
Culver Harris, J. Murt Toepel
The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. JOZWIAK called up HR 293, PN 1569, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and recognizing the memorial service in their honor at the Pennsylvania State Museum in the City of Harrisburg on May 8, 2017.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. We are going to be taking remarks from all the members, including Representative Jozwiak and Representative Godshall. We are going to be going in order with respect to the resolutions.

This is a resolution that deals with the loss of lives of those in the line of duty. We will be having remarks on this shortly.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–189

Baker, Dush Knowles Rapp
Barbin, Ellis Knowles Ravenstahl
Barrar, Enrick Krueger Readshaw
Benninghoff, English Kutik Reed

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14

Christian, James Quigley Sturla
Fabrizio, Lewis Rabb Taylor
Frankel, Mako Simmons Wheeland
Hennessey, McNeill

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

Mr. PETRARCA called up HR 289, PN 1568, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Pennsylvania Prison Society on its 230th anniversary of advocating for those in prison and their families, commemorating the achievements of the organization and highlighting the continued need for the work of the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–189**

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Delozier Kavlich Pashinski Wentling
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Dermody Keller, F. Petrarca White
Diamond Keller, M.K. Petri Youngblood
DiGirofalo Keller, W. Pickett Zimmerman
Donatucci Kim Pyle
Dowling Kinsey Quinn, C. Turzai,
Driscoll Kirkland Quinn, M. Speaker
Dunbar Klunk Rader

**NAYS–0**

**NOT VOTING–0**

**EXCUSED–14**

Christiana J. James Quigley Sturla
Fabrizio Lewis Rabb Taylor
Frankel Mako Simmons Wheeland
Hennessey McNeill

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

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**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Ms. HARPER called up **HR 273, PN 1554**, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging equitable and diverse gender representation on the boards and in senior management of companies in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–189**

Baker Dush Knowles Rapp
Barbin Ellis Kortz Ravenstahl
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Benninghoff English Kulik Reed
Bernistine Evankovich Lawrence Reese
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Driscoll Kirkland Quinn, M. Speaker
Dunbar Klunk Rader

**NAYS–0**

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

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Mr. REED called up HR 276, PN 1521, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and recognizing the memorial service in their honor at the Pennsylvania State Museum in the City of Harrisburg on May 8, 2017.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 276 be recommitted to Rules.

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

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BAKER called up HR 192, PN 1141, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 1 through 7, 2017, as “American Religious History Week” in Pennsylvania to recognize the impact of religious beliefs on America’s history.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Boback   Farr   Madden   Roebeck
Boyle   Fee   Maher   Rothman
Bradford   Fitzgerald   Maloney   Rozzi
Briggs   Flynn   Markosek   Ryan
Brown, R.   Freeman   Marshall   Saccone
Brown, V.   Fritz   Marsico   Sainato
Bullock   Gabler   Masser   Samuelson
Burns   Gainey   Matzie   Sankey
Caltagirone   Galloway   McCarter   Santora
Carroll   Gergely   McClinton   Saylor
Causer   Gillen   McGinnis   Schemel
Cephas   Gillespie   Mehaffie   Schlossberg
Charlton   Godshall   Mentzer   Schweyer
Comitta   Goodman   Metcalfe   Sims
Conklin   Greiner   Metzgar   Snyder
Cook   Grove   Miccarelli   Solomn
Corbin   Haggerty   Millard   Sonny
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Costa, P.   Harkins   Milne   Tallman
Cox   Harper   Moul   Thomas
Cruz   Harris, A.   Mullery   Tobash
Culver   Harris, J.   Murt   Toepel
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Deasy   Kaufber   Oberlander   Warren
DeLissio   Kaufman   Ortitay   Watson
Delozier   Kavulich   Pashinski   Wentling
DeLuca   Keefer   Peifer   Wheatley
Dermody   Keller, F.   Petrarca   White
Diamond   Keller, M.K.   Petri   Youngblood
DiGiroalamo   Keller, W.   Pickett   Zimmerman
Donatucci   Kim   Pyle
Dowling   Kinsey   Quinn, C.   Turzai,
Driscoll   Kirkland   Quinn, M.   Speaker
Dunbar   Klunk   Rader

NAYS–0
NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14

Christian James Quigley Sturla
Fabrizio Lewis Rabb Taylor
Frankel Mako Simmons Wheeland
Hennessey McNeill

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

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MAHER called up HR 290, PN 1567, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, as “Drinking Water Week” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–189

Baker    Dush   Knowles   Rapp
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Bizzarro   Evans   Longietti   Roae
Bloom   Everett   Mackenzie   Roe
Boback   Farr   Madden   Roebeck
Boyle   Fee   Maher   Rothman
Bradford   Fitzgerald   Maloney   Rozzi

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

The SPEAKER. All the resolutions on supplemental calendars, on the House calendar, and on the uncontested calendar have been passed unanimously, and we will now take speakers with respect to those resolutions.

We are going to begin with Representative Barry Jozwiak on HR 293.

I am going to ask that the doors of the House be closed. This is a very solemn resolution.

I am asking all members to take their seats and that the doors of the House be closed. All conversations please go off the House floor. Members and guests, please take your seats. Members and guests, please take your seats. All members and guests, please take your seats.

The SPEAKER. Members and guests, please take your seats. Members and guests, please take your seats. All members and guests, please take your seats.

Representative Jozwiak will be followed by Representative Harper with HR 73; Representative Godshall, HR 251; and Representative Roebuck, HR 281. We will then be taking up HB 303, and then we will be getting to the uncontested resolution remarks.

STATEMENT BY MR. JOZWIAK

The SPEAKER. But at this time Representative Barry Jozwiak is recognized on HR 293.

This is very solemn. Thank you.

Mr. JOZWIAK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support an important resolution. But first of all, I would like to recognize members of the Pennsylvania State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police who are present with us today in the back of the room. Mr. Joseph Regan, Vince DiCenzo, Craig McGowan, and Jim Walsh, will you please stand back there.

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Now, I encourage you to read the resolution to learn about these men and how they lost their lives. As a former State trooper and Berks County sheriff, I can tell you one thing: We remember these men not because of how they died, but because of how they lived. They served their communities, they protected their communities, and they sacrificed for the people in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this resolution as a way for us, on behalf of each and every Pennsylvanian, to show gratitude for the sacrifices of these four police officers. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of these four brave men, and I ask my colleagues to support this resolution, number 293.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Members, I would ask everybody to please rise. We are going to have a moment of silence for the fallen law enforcement officers that Representative Joziak has so passionately talked about.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. You may be seated.
May God bless these fallen heroes and their families.
You may open the doors of the House.

STATEMENT BY MS. HARPER

The SPEAKER. Representative Kate Harper is recognized to speak on HR 273, and she also has some guests with us today as well.

Members, I would appreciate your attention.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I rise today to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of HR 273. What this resolution does is encourage all privately held, publicly held, and nonprofit companies in Pennsylvania to achieve a goal of having 30 percent of their boards as women by the end of 2020.

Women in the United States earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees, 60 percent of master's degrees, and 52 percent of doctorates. They also earn 37 percent of M.B.A.s (master of business administration). They know business. But in Pennsylvania and nationwide, women held only 17 percent of the board seats of Fortune 1000 companies, and only 13 percent of the executive positions of the top 100 companies headquartered right here in Pennsylvania. Forty-one of these top Pennsylvania companies have no women at all in executive positions, and 18 have no women on their board of directors.

This is not about affirmative action. This is about the fact that companies who have women on their boards do better financially and economically. Does that matter? I think it does. And I think it matters to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where we sorely need to encourage businesses in the Commonwealth and we need to encourage them to do well. This is an area where we are now encouraging them to add women to their boards because that will help them do well.

HR 273 was suggested to me by the Forum of Executive Women of Greater Philadelphia, some of whom are here in the gallery – ladies – and some of whom are here to the left of the Speaker. They wanted me to remind all Pennsylvania legislators, and hence, the public, that this is an economic issue, that putting women on boards, profitable boards and nonprofit corporations, is something that is good for the businesses.

HR 273 means that we recognize that it is good for Pennsylvania to have more women in board spots. So I thank you all for voting for the resolution unanimously. It shows that we get it here.

And, Mr. Speaker, if I might, I would like to introduce just some of the guests who came with us. Would that be okay?

The SPEAKER. Yes, please proceed.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you very much.

To the left of the Speaker – and when I call your name, would you please rise – Suzanne Mayes of Cozen O'Connor Law Firm, Yelena Barychev with Blank Rome, Jane Firth with Firth Leadership Partners, and Denise Marbach, recently retired from one of the big four accounting firms. In the gallery, I also have a bunch of women – if they would please rise – and I would ask my colleagues to give them a warm round of applause.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairwoman Harper.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER. Representative Roebuck is recognized to speak on HR 281.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I want to simply thank my colleagues for their unanimous vote on this resolution, which honors Dawn Staley, a Philadelphian who graduated from Murrell Dobbins High School and then went on to play collegiate basketball at my alma mater, University of Virginia, and who has been successful as a basketball coach, bringing the women's championship to the University of South Carolina. It is a measure of success that she demonstrates. And I would in fact have wished that she might have chosen to give her skills to a Pennsylvania institution, or even to my alma mater, but I certainly congratulate her for her success and know that she will continue be a great coach and a strong mentor for young people.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Roebuck.

STATEMENT BY MR. GODSHALL

The SPEAKER. Chairman Bob Godshall is recognized to speak on HR 251.

I would ask all members to please take their seats. All members, please take your seats.

Chairman Godshall.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I do not get up often, but I do have something that it is very important today for me. I am presenting HR 251 in recognition of my own high school, Souderton Area High School's SouderTHON, which recently raised last year $30,000 and this year $39,000 for pediatric cancer.

SouderTHON is a 12-hour dance and other activities marathon modeled after Penn State University's annual 46-hour-long dance marathon, which has raised more than $10 million for pediatric cancer. About 700 Souderton Area High School students participated in this worthwhile event, which aims to save the lives of Pennsylvania children afflicted with cancer.

Proceeds from the 2017 SouderTHON support cancer victims and their families through the Peter Powerhouse Foundation organized by Peter Zucca, now a seventh grader at Indian Valley Middle School and named "For Pete's Sake."

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the students who participated, as well as their family members, teachers, administrative staff, security officers, and other volunteers who made this year's SouderTHON a dramatic success. Thank you for your attention.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Godshall.

Thirty-five thousand dollars is quite a bit. Thank you for that pediatric cancer research money from those students; outstanding.
The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 303, PN 303, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 000 0, over Beaver Creek, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge.

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

The SPEAKER. I would ask that the doors of House be closed for this. This is very solemn, very solemn. Please close the doors of the House.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair calls upon Representative Jesse Topper with respect to HB 303.
Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
April 22, 1951, was a difficult day for the Allied forces in South Korea as the Chinese Red Army began its spring offensive and numerically overwhelmed the American and U.N. (United Nations) forces. On a more personal level, it was a difficult day for a young man from a small farming community in northern Bedford County named William Glenn Koontz. Bill Koontz was captured and taken to a prison camp on the Chinese border of North Korea, where he spent the next 838 days as a prisoner of war.

It is difficult for me to imagine the conditions that Bill and the thousands of other prisoners experienced during this time in captivity. Bill himself offered some descriptions of his time to the Morrisons Cove Herald, a local newspaper. He said that they, quote, "slept like sardines" stuffed into overcrowded huts and forced to sleep on the floor. They were fed barely enough to stay alive, and in many cases, it was not enough. Bill said that he and others in the camp buried as many as 17 prisoners a day from dysentery and starvation.

They were lectured at the beginning of each day on the blessings of Communism and then tested on the material, and when the men gave answers that the guards did not seem to think were satisfactory, they were beaten or worse. There were no medical supplies given to the prisoners so the medics among them suggested putting maggots on any open wounds to eat the infection. This was Bill's life for 838 days, and this was just a part of his sacrifice that he willingly offered for America.

After his long-awaited homecoming, Bill returned to what he loved, farming. He bought an orchard and was a local postmaster. He became a devoted family man, married to Blanche, his wife, who survives him; along with his son, William, Jr., who is with us today; stepson, L.G. Will; and seven grandchildren.

Now, I have given you just a brief overview of Bill's story, but believe me, it goes much deeper. And to be perfectly honest, learning of this man's incredible journey gave me a new perspective on what it is that we do here when it comes to naming roads and bridges. I know that at times the media and others have questioned what role these kinds of bills actually have in our legislative process, but to put it quite simply, it is about remembering these incredible stories and the individuals that have shaped this State and this nation with their sacrifice. Every time I see a road or a bridge named after one of our fallen heroes it now makes me stop and think, "I wonder what this story was about," because I know that there is one to tell.

So why do we do this? We do this because it is a reminder of what so many – named and unnamed – have done so that we may be free. We do this because there is value in passing these stories along to the next generation to follow. We do this because Pennsylvania remembers her heroes – heroes like Bill Koontz. So it is my honor to offer HB 303 in his memory, and I personally want to thank his son, Bill, Jr., for being with us today, and I would ask that he stand so that he may be recognized as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would ask for an affirmative vote on HB 303.
The SPEAKER. I would ask all members to please rise and guests please rise as able in honor of William G. Koontz.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Pfc. William G. Koontz.)

The SPEAKER. Members and guests, you may take your seats.

On the question recurring.
Shall the bill pass finally?
The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Please open the doors of the House. Thank you.

On the question recurring.
Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

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

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

The SPEAKER. On the uncontested calendar, we have a number of members who wish to speak, and some have guests. We are going to do the ones with guests first. It will be Representative Readshaw on Military Service Opportunity Month, then Representative Freeman on Bladder Cancer Awareness Month, and then Representative Miller on Don’t Text and Drive Day. They all have guests here today that they will be recognizing.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Before I begin, Representative Pam Snyder is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mrs. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for their unanimous vote for HR 272 and submit my remarks for the record. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Yes; those will be accepted on HR 272.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Workers’ Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28, and I thank my House colleagues for their unanimous support for my HR 272, valuing every member of our workforce and reaffirming our commitment to safe working environments.

April 28 is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthy workplaces for all workers. It is also the day OSHA was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthy workplaces for their workers. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, education, and assistance. Every year, events are held across the country on April 28 to remember workers who have died on the job and honor them by continuing to fight for improved worker safety. Our work is not done, as the motto for Workers’ Memorial Day reminds us, “Remember the dead, fight for the living.” Indeed, we cannot rest on any laurels that may have been earned since OSHA was established 46 years ago.

In 2015 the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that more than 4,800 workers suffered fatal workplace injuries, the highest rate since more than 5,200 fatal injuries in 2008. During 2015 more than 3 million work-related injuries and illnesses occurred. In Pennsylvania alone, 173 workers lost their lives in 2015 because of workplace accidents in the Commonwealth.

While news reports often focus our attention on disastrous workplace events, many workers die with little public attention, which should not sit well with any of us. Thank you for taking the time to honor all the workers killed or injured in the workplace, as well as their families who have suffered as well. On April 28 we remember all of them and today pledge to make our workplaces safer.

Thank you again to my colleagues, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman – or excuse me – Representative Readshaw, Representative Freeman, Representative Miller.

STATEMENT BY MR. READSHAW

The SPEAKER. Representative Readshaw, the floor is yours. Mr. READSHAW. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before I begin my remarks, I would like to acknowledge two guests today. They are standing in the rear of the hall: Capt. Ryan Tintara, Recruiting Company Commander, U.S. Army Active and Army Reserves Valley Forge Patriots; and Sgt. Timothy Sutherland. And I would ask everyone to acknowledge their service to our country and our guests for today. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution, HR 92, encourages our State and educational community to recognize the U.S. military for its positive impact on the Pennsylvania educational system and its students. The U.S. military is one of the leading Federal organizations that supports and invests in educational initiatives that offer personal advancement for all students within the Commonwealth through education programming starting at the high school level.
While it is appropriate to recognize the value of our military every day, the month of May is a perfect time to acknowledge the benefits of a military career through higher education. With Memorial Day celebration at the end of the month, the Commonwealth is able to recognize those planning or just beginning a career, as well as those who have served with valor.

It is the mission of the U.S. military to continue to offer outstanding career and educational opportunities to all students who seek the adventure of service to their nation. Those who receive specialized training through the U.S. military will return to civilian life qualified in the fields such as medical services, advanced cyber security, law enforcement services, engineering, satellite technology, communications, and many other careers. We request that all school districts throughout the Commonwealth endorse the military and welcome them to career days and other activities.

I thank you very much for listening to the description of HR 92. I welcome our guests, once again. And I know that all of us present acknowledge the service to all of our military and the service to our country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and also thanks our military.

STATEMENT BY MR. FREEMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Freeman on HR 241, Bladder Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the House for their unanimous vote in favor of HR 241, a resolution which recognizes the month of May 2017 as “Bladder Cancer Awareness Month” here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Over half a million Americans live with bladder cancer, and it is estimated that over 4,000 Pennsylvanians will be diagnosed with this disease this year. Bladder cancer affects people of all ages and backgrounds, with military veterans being more likely than nonveterans to be diagnosed with the disease. Women often being diagnosed with bladder cancer get that diagnosis in the later stages of the disease as it develops, which results oftentimes in a worse prognosis.

Bladder cancer is among the top 10 cancers with the highest incidence rates in the United States, and Pennsylvania, sadly, ranks fifth as far as new cases. This disease is a very expensive form of cancer to treat and has a very high rate of recurrence, ranging from approximately 50 to 80 percent, which is why it requires lifelong surveillance; however, diagnoses being made early helps, because the disease is treatable. That is why promoting a greater understanding and awareness of this disease is so important to save lives. Early detection really makes all the difference in the world.

Through increased awareness, we can emphasize the importance of early diagnosis to ensure enhanced survival rates. Increased awareness of this form of cancer will also hopefully generate increased public support for treating the disease and increased funding for the necessary innovative research and development of new and improved treatment options and procedures on dealing with the disease of bladder cancer.

Mr. Speaker, with us today are members of the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network. These are individuals who have each been touched by this horrible disease, either by conquering bladder cancer themselves through a long struggle, having loved ones who succumbed to the disease, or various friends and family who may have been touched in one way or another by the disease of bladder cancer.

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize those who are present from the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network. As I call out your name, please stand, and I would ask the House to hold their applause until everyone has been introduced. With us is Marge Coffin, who is president of the Pennsylvania chapter; also Kyle DeMartyn, Valerie Walk, Howard Dicker, Jenifer Donnelly, Tom Donnelly, Cindy Harbert, Megan Harbert, Gerhard Schulz, Jean Kozachuk, Earl Geissler, Louis Pagano, Evon Pagano, Joan Decker, Barry Decker, Christine Lehman, Michael Staab, Gail Butler, Theda Shaw, and Marilyn Sutton. I would ask the House to please give a warm welcome to our guests here today. Thank you. You may be seated.

And again, we appreciate all the work that you do in advocacy to make a greater awareness of this disease and the work that needs to be done to provide a cure and better treatment. Thank you, and again my thanks to the House for their unanimous support for HR 241.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Representative Freeman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MILLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Brett Miller is recognized to speak on HR 221.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support for HR 221, a resolution designating April 27 as “Don’t Text and Drive Day” in Pennsylvania. I appreciate your support as we all join together to bring attention to this important issue.

While cell phones and other handheld devices have become so intertwined with our daily personal and work lives, it is also clear that these helpful tools can also become a source of great distraction to each of us. Distraction from any task at hand has its own problems, but distraction when operating a motor vehicle can have profoundly negative and sometimes deadly consequences.

A cell phone is a useful tool, but when used behind the wheel it becomes a distraction that greatly increases the risk of accidents, injury, and death. Sadly, these risks move from being merely possibilities to becoming actual tragedies. Research has clearly shown that texting while driving dramatically increases the risk of crashes. In fact, the latest available data indicates that 6 percent of all crashes were the result of the operator being distracted due to texting while driving. And according to PENNDOT, between the years of 2012 and 2014, a total of 42,969 crashes in Pennsylvania alone involved distracted driving. In the crashes in just those 3 years, 161 Pennsylvanians needlessly lost their lives, and though the statistics do not specify exact numbers, many of these accidents were related to texting and driving.
This issue is not merely one of far-removed statistics. It is about people, real people. To illustrate this point, it is my privilege and honor to introduce to the members of the House Ms. Joey Eddins, who is one of my constituents and the one who contacted me about the need for Pennsylvania to do more to address the dangers of texting while driving. Ms. Joey Eddins, will you please stand. Thank you for being with us here today.

On June 25, 2016, a distracted driver was busy staring at his phone while typing a text message while his car drifted into the lane of oncoming traffic. This driver’s car slammed into a vehicle being driven by Ms. Joey Eddins, leaving her badly injured. The injuries that Ms. Eddins suffered in this accident effectively ended her career as a professional EMT (emergency medical technician).

Despite the immediate trauma and the following months of both physical pain and financial loss, Ms. Eddins has made it clear that she does not harbor bitterness in her heart for the man who so carelessly caused the accident because he was distracted by texting when he pulled out in front of her that day. What she does possess, however, is a desire to make others aware of the reality that people do in fact gamble with the lives of others when they choose to believe that their text is important enough to beat the odds in this way.

The real tragedy behind texting-while-driving accidents like this one is that they are so easily prevented. Too many drivers across the State of Pennsylvania continue to believe that their text message is more important than the increased risk to themselves and others.

Ms. Eddins, thank you for joining us today. Thank you for your heart, which continues to want to help others, and your desire to make others aware of the dangers of texting while driving, and by contacting me about the need for Pennsylvania to do more to address the dangers of texting while driving. Ms. Joey Eddins, will you please stand. Thank you for being with us here today.

And thank you, colleagues, for joining me in designating April 27, 2017, as "Don't Text and Drive Day" in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for Speaker TURZAI, Representative WARNER, and Representative MOUL for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be so granted.

We will be taking a brief interlude from the remarks on the resolutions and moving to citations, and then we will be back for the remarks on the resolutions.

COLE NYE PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Moving to citation presentations, Representative Marsico is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to Cole Nye, State wrestling champion.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This distinguished, good-looking young man behind me is Cole Nye. I would like to welcome Cole to the House floor today. He is joining us today so we may honor him for winning the 2016-2017 PIAA State Class AA Individual Wrestling Championship in the 220-pound weight class. In fact, Cole is a senior at McDevitt, my alma mater. In fact, he was McDevitt and Harrisburg’s first State wrestling champion, and now he is the second State wrestling champion. And I told him last year, I said, “Cole, I hope to see you back this year,” and here he is.

So his final match was won by defeating a student from Bishop McCort High School with a score of 4 to 3 to capture his second consecutive State title. Cole amassed a season record of 45 wins and 5 losses.

With Cole today, in the rear of the House, are Bishop McDevitt High School athletic director Tom Mealy, coach Dean Shields, and Cole’s mother, Julie and his father, Buck Nye, who all had a very big part in guiding Cole to the State championship. So I would like to recognize them in the back of the House. Please stand to be recognized. Congratulations to your parents and coaches as well.

We in the House of Representatives would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate Cole, his school, his coaches, and his family, and all those who assisted him. Cole, we wish you good luck in the future and hope for continued success in the future. Cole, congratulations. We have a citation to present to you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and congratulates our State champion.
TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Another citation presentation. Representative Delozier, Representative Keefer, Representative Rothman, and Representative Bloom are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Trinity High School Girls Soccer Team.

Representative Delozier will be speaking. You may proceed.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I am very pleased to be joined on the House floor by the Trinity High School Girls Soccer Team. I am joined by Representatives Rothman, Bloom, and Keefer, and Trinity brings together so many students from all of our areas here in central Pennsylvania and we are glad to represent them.

The team has captured the PIAA Class AA Girls soccer title on November 19, 2016, right down the road here at Hersheypark Stadium, by defeating Mercyhurst Prep High School 4 to 1. This is not the first time this team has visited the Capitol, even though we live very close, but this is the third consecutive year that this team has won the State title, and its fourth consecutive appearance in the State title game.

Building such a powerhouse for so many years takes a lot of determination and commitment by all of the players. This year's squad had a lot of freshmen and sophomores who stepped up, including a freshman goalkeeper, Jennifer Wilson, who was thrust into action in the semifinal and title game after the starting goalkeeper was injured. The team compiled a record of 23 wins and 2 losses for the season. It also was the District III Class AA champion.

I am joined at the rostrum by captains Sydney Demian, Noelle Dominguez, senior Catherine Gregoire, head coach Terry Mull, and assistant coach Terrence Mull. Other members of the team are in the rear of the chamber, and they include Haley Salus, Jennifer Wilson, Kathleen Dominguez, Grace Webster, Mayleigh Perkins, Emily Ward, Tess French, Molly Krzywicki, Ana Dominguez, Evie Jeffrey, Katherine Dash, Amy Corbett, Lauren Gatesman, Rachel Blum, Rachel Bogdanoff, Rachel Wentz, Rachel Busler, Theresa Durle, Cara Katterman. And assistant coach Zach Currier and managers Jonathan Holjes and Molly Ridd also helped the team to this success.

We could not be more proud of Trinity's accomplishments over the past several years and we are very proud to call them our own here in central Pennsylvania. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating the Trinity High School Girls Soccer Team on its 2016 title. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady and congratulates the members.

BRIAN KENNERLY PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Santora and Representative Davidson are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to Brian Kennerly, State champion wrestler from Upper Darby. Both Representative Santora and Representative Davidson are welcome to speak.

Mr. SANTORA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my privilege to welcome Brian Kennerly here from Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. He is a proud student at the largest high school in Pennsylvania, Upper Darby High School.

He is joined by his coach, Bob Martin. Bob has been a coach at Upper Darby High School wrestling for over 35 years and he has 12 district championships under his belt. Also joining us today are Tracie Roberts and Greg Roberts, Brian's parents. And also seated next to them is a good friend of mine and a classmate of mine from the class of 1990 at Cardinal O'Hara High School and currently the superintendent of Upper Darby School District, Dan Nerelli.

We are here to honor Brian for his accomplishment in the 2016-17 PIAA Class AAA Individual Wrestling Championship in the 220-pound weight class. Brian is not just a wrestler, he is also a scholar. Brian is going to be attending the University of Virginia in Arlington this fall. His other choice was Princeton University. This is a well-rounded student coming out of the Upper Darby School District, and we are both, Margo Davidson and I, very proud of him, and we want to congratulate him on his success and all his future successes. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Representative Santora.

Representative Davidson.

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to join my colleague, Representative Santora, in congratulating both Brian and his phenomenal coach and the entire Upper Darby School District community. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady and congratulates the State champion.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Chelsea Cirillo, who is shadowing Representative Rosemary Brown. Please rise and be recognized.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Leadership Hanover Class of 2017. They are guests of Representative Klunk. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes a group of students from Upper Dublin High School who are visiting today with their instructor, Bob Schultz. They are the guests of Representative Stephens. Please rise and be recognized.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Libby Baker-Mikesell, who is interning with Representative Pashinski and the Democratic Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Bryce Chinault, James Broughtel, and Amanda Diroll, who are staff at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. They are the guests of Representative Grove, Representative Keefer, and Representative Rothman. Please rise and be recognized. Welcome.
Also in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Ralph Watson, who is being honored today by Representative Gainey for his many years of dedicated service to his community. With him are Debbie Norrell and Melvin El. Please rise and be recognized.

STATEMENT BY MR. GAINEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman Mr. Gainey, is recognized.

Mr. GAINEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to recognize Ralph Watson for the wonderful work he does in the community. He does a lot. We deal with education a lot, and he does a lot of teaching children how to become entrepreneurs, as well as other businessmen in our community, and a lot of the kids have started their own small businesses like cupcakes and things like that. So as we talk about education and what it means that will lead to positive influence on our children, Ralph Watson is a fine example of that.

I also want to congratulate Debbie Norrell from the New Pittsburgh Courier for joining us. She has been a legend in the city of Pittsburgh, and I would just like my colleagues to give them a warm hand. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Representative Gainey.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest pages Emma Steely, Chase Urban, and Eli Yemzow. They are the guests of Representative Millard. Welcome.

NATIONAL GUARD DAY

REMARKS BY MR. GABLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time we have a very special guest. Representatives Gabler and Miccarelli would like to be recognized under unanimous consent to speak on HR 286, which passed the House on Tuesday, designating today as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania.

You may proceed.

Mr. GABLER. Good morning, Mr. Speaker, and fellow members of the House of Representatives; General Carrelli, General Hilty, General Wood, and other distinguished members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of your ranks and also as a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Yesterday this chamber unanimously adopted HR 286, declaring today, April 26, 2017, as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania. The lead sponsors of this resolution – myself, Representative Nick Miccarelli, and Representative Zach Mako – represent our commissioned officer corps, our noncommissioned officer corps, and our warrant officer corps as currently serving members of the General Assembly and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Representative Mako, a first-term member from Lehigh County, deserves special recognition today, as he is spending his first National Guard Day as a member of this chamber on military orders, refining his skills as an Army Chinook helicopter pilot. He is a distinguished warrant officer and a talented professional who has quickly enriched this body upon his arrival as a State Representative.

The special relationship between the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Pennsylvania National Guard dates back over 260 years and predates the independence of the United States. The General Assembly passed the Militia Act in 1755, laying the legal foundation for the militia, which now today is our Pennsylvania National Guard.

Today the Pennsylvania National Guard includes many distinguished units, including the 28th Infantry Division, also known as the Keystone Division and the Iron Division, and it is the oldest continuously serving division in the United States Army.

Pennsylvania guardsmen and women have served with honor and engaged in every conflict this nation has faced in our history, from the American Revolution all the way through today with Operation Enduring Freedom. The PA Guard has faced continuous deployments in the war on terror; in fact, over 36,000 individuals have deployed from the PA Guard since September 11, 2001.

The Pennsylvania Guard continues to shoulder heavy responsibilities on the home front, from disaster relief to security for high-profile events that take place within our State's borders and beyond. In 2015 the Pennsylvania Guard supported the largest national special security event in American history by providing security for the papal visit in Philadelphia. In 2016 the Guard was an important partner in ensuring our nation's democratic process could continue without interruption or interference by assisting with security for the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, and earlier this year members of the PA Guard helped provide security in and around Washington, DC, ensuring the continuance of our nation's great tradition of the peaceful transition of power during the Presidential inauguration.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a citizen soldier, wearing the Keystone patch on my shoulder and serving my nation and my Commonwealth. I want to thank the members of the General Assembly for your support of the National Guard, and I want to thank the soldiers and airmen who give me the honor of standing shoulder to shoulder with them.

It is also our pleasure to present this official copy of HR 286 to the Adjutant General to mark today's celebration of National Guard Day 2017 in Pennsylvania. I want to thank you very much, and I want to thank Representative Miccarelli for joining me and ask him to share some remarks as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY MR. MICCARELLI

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

It is quite an honor to follow Representative Gabler in thanking all the officers and Senior NCOs (noncommissioned officers) who are joining us here today. I did get permission from Representatives Dush and Saccone to tell an Air Force joke, but since the Adjutant General will be speaking after me, I am going forgo that. All that said, I thank everyone for their support of this.
We do have a unique relationship here with our National Guard. The National Guard is often called upon to do missions that active duty units just do not normally do. As Representative Gabler said, we had the papal visit, the national convention, the inauguration – the things that the National Guard is called upon to do aside from, you know, fighting in combat are across the Commonwealth, and they are across the spectrum of everything that we do day in and day out. So thank you all very much for being here, and thank you all for your service.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Representatives Gabler and Miccarelli.

REMARKS BY BRIG. GEN. ANTHONY CARRELLI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce the Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Anthony Carrelli. Brig. Gen. Tony Carrelli assumed duties as the Adjutant General on June 29, 2016. In this cabinet-level position with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Brigadier General Carrelli is responsible for command, control, and supervision of National Guard units – Army and Air – allocated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He also oversees the six State-owned veterans' homes and programs for Pennsylvania's nearly 900,000 veterans.

Brigadier General Carrelli graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1985. He completed undergraduate pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, followed by several flying assignments as an A-10 pilot. He served in active duty Air Force for several years as a T-37, AT-38, and A-10 pilot. Following his release from active duty, Brigadier General Carrelli joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 1999. He has deployed in numerous operations that include Desert Storm, Southern Watch, and most recently Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Let us give him a warm House welcome.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CARRELLI. Thank you. Thank you, everyone, and good afternoon. It is a great privilege for me to be here today, and thank you so much for bestowing this honor upon the National Guard, National Guard Day in Pennsylvania. It is a great honor. And thank you so much for the support of our National Guard and support of our veterans.

I often say I have the greatest job in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: advocating for our veterans and leading one of the most first-class organizations in this entire world. As was said, nearly 20,000 strong, amassing over 36,000 deployments since 9/11, and those deployments and those accomplishments are many and they are great, but those are all accomplished one person at a time, one soldier at a time, one airman at time.

Our theme today as the National Guard is our “Local Heroes.” These guardsmen all grew up in your communities. They live and raise their family in your communities. They work in your communities. They went to school in your communities. They have joined the Pennsylvania Guard. They have trained in those communities they serve. They have been called to duty for national emergencies and Federal security events here in the Commonwealth, and of course, they have also been called by the President of the United States to serve overseas to defend our nation’s freedoms and liberties across the world. So these are our local heroes. They are your Pennsylvania National Guardsmen, and they are your heroes.

In the back, we have a number of those heroes, and there are some up in the balcony as well, so I would ask first for all our guardsmen here today to please stand. Thank you for your service.

The theme today is “Local Heroes.” These are your local heroes, so I want to point a few of our guardsmen out to you, just to give you a feel for what some of our guardsmen do. When I call the guardsman's name, I would please ask you to stand.

S. Sgt. Jacqueline Retew. Jacqueline is from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She works at the Joint Force Headquarters at Fort Indiantown Gap. She serves as a noncommissioned officer in charge of personnel in our Joint Emergency Operations Center, a position that she served in about a month ago when Pennsylvania had the third most historic snowstorm, snowstorm Stella, which we called Operation Keystone Freeze. She was working the command and control in our operations center and she was responsible for the great success of supervising over 900 guardsmen on relief efforts throughout the snowstorm in Pennsylvania. So thank you, Jacqueline. We appreciate your service.

Sfc. Chad Duppstadt, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from the 28th Infantry Division. He is an administrative noncommissioned officer in charge of a nearly 100-person team made up of Army, Air Force, and Marine service members in Kosovo last year. He was deployed for nearly a year in Kosovo and just returned last November, you know, so just a few months ago, in support of Operation Joint Guardian. So welcome home, and thank you for your service.

S. Sgt. Troy Lallemand, Hamburg, Pennsylvania, from the 628th Aviation Support Battalion, a heavy vehicle driver and National Guard liaison officer to PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency). During all of our storms, Troy serves in PEMA, and he is one of the liaison officers to help coordinate our efforts with the other State agencies. He also served in Operation Keystone Freeze, the winter storm of a month ago, and he also served in this year's Presidential inauguration and last year's 2016 Democratic National Convention. Thanks, Troy, for your service.

S. Sgt. Laura Leer, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Laura is a wheeled vehicle mechanic and logistics expert with the 213th Regional Support Group. She is studying criminal justice at Shippensburg University and has responded to multiple State active duty missions to include Hurricane Sandy, multiple winter storms, the Democratic National Convention, and the Pope's visit. Thank you so much, Laura, for your service.

S. Sgt. Jason Bacchus from Philadelphia. Jason is an airman with the 111th Attack Wing out in Horsham, Pennsylvania. He is a services journeyman who deployed twice to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He has also participated in the Pope's visit, the Democratic National Convention, and the Presidential inauguration. Thanks, Jason, for your great support.

M. Sgt. Jeremy Cameron from Butler, Pennsylvania. Jeremy is a security forces airman and current first sergeant with the 171st Air Refueling Wing out in Pittsburgh. He has an associate's degree in criminal justice, a bachelor's degree in history, and a master's degree in teaching. He has also deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom and supported missions for
Hurricane Katrina and in Haiti for the earthquake out in Haiti. He has also participated in the Detainee Movement Operations out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Thank you so much for your service.

Sfc. David Maser, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He is a readiness NCO and information technology specialist with the 28th Infantry Division. He has deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina, and with the Commonwealth for 11 different State active-duty missions here in the Commonwealth. A phenomenal record. Thanks, David, for your service.

Finally, I would like to point out Sfc. Angelo Tartaglia from Allentown, Pennsylvania. Angelo is a battalion logistics noncommissioned officer in charge with the 213th Regional Support Group. He has deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and has responded to multiple State active-duty missions to include Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, the G-20 Summit, the Democratic National Convention, and the Pope's visit. He has many Federal decorations, including the Bronze Star. Thank you so much, Angelo, for your service.

Ladies and gentlemen, I could go on all day if I had to introduce you to everyone in our organization that has served in many Federal decorations, including the Bronze Star. Thank you so much, Angelo, for your service.

So I thank you again for the honor of having National Guard Day here in Pennsylvania. Please, if you get a chance, just stop by at the East Rotunda to look at any of our displays and pat any of our guardsmen on the back. Thank you so much for the honor today, and we appreciate your support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much, General, and thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your outstanding service to our Commonwealth and our nation.

STATEMENT BY MRS. BULLOCK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now return to comments on the uncontested calendar for past resolutions. At this time we will recognize Representative Bullock, who is recognized to speak on HR 207, "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." You may proceed.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a proud mother of two young children, it is my pleasure to sponsor, along with a number of my colleagues, HR 207, recognizing "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" in Pennsylvania. Tomorrow parents, guardians, and mentors across our Commonwealth will share their workday with boys and girls in their life.

Consider it more than just a career day, but a chance for our youth to see the value of their education, a balanced work and family life, and firsthand experience that could lay the basis for their future goals and aspirations. This year's theme is "Count on Me," a message that applies not only in the workplace, but at home and in the community. Children participating in tomorrow's celebration will be able to observe coworkers and supervisors working together to be successful. Similarly, they may look to their friends, their teammates, their family members, mentors, and teachers to also count on them. In return, they will not let them down.

While Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is a great opportunity to spark a young person's interest and to develop career goals, for many families, it is a privilege to be able to participate in such a day. Some families, however, do not have a family-friendly workplace. Some children may not have a working adult in their life that is willing to participate in such an activity, and for other families, this may just be another day in which taking your son or daughter to work is not a privilege but a necessity because of the lack of child-care options. There are many children who have spent the afternoons after school or on summer hours underneath their parent's desk, at the family store, on the family farm, or in my case, on the House floor.

So this year let us take the time to appreciate the opportunity to take our daughters and sons to work, and if you do not have a child in your home, I encourage you to take a niece, a nephew, a neighbor, or a mentee, and spend time with them on that day showing them how they can count on you.

Again, I would like to thank my fellow colleagues and encourage all House members to support HR 207, recognizing April 27, 2017, as "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" here in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Murt is recognized on HR 115 and HR 197.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, our Commonwealth is known as the Keystone State in part because of its key role in the birth of the United States. Everyone is aware of the historical role Philadelphia played in the conception of American independence and as the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. What is often unappreciated is the pivotal role played by those who lived in the countryside surrounding the city of Philadelphia.

On the night of April 30, 1778, the British, in firm control of Philadelphia, marched out of the city with 850 men on foot and on horses. Their destination was the Billet, or what is known today as the Borough of Hatboro. Their mission was to stop the American Militia from disrupting British supply lines into Philadelphia. The other objective was to capture the leader of the militia, Gen. John Lacey, and to decimate and destroy the 300 militiamen encamped with Lacey in Hatboro at the Billet.

The British marched through the Fox Chase area of Philadelphia, up Huntington Pike, where they split up. The Queen's Rangers, a loyalist regiment, continued up Second Street Pike, and the 500 British regulars went left towards Old York Road. The plan was to have the British regulars wait in ambush along the Horsham Meeting Road near the Old Mill Inn in Hatboro. The Queen's Rangers were to drive the militia into the waiting British troops.

The militia was expected to retreat along the Horsham Meeting Road, which leads to Valley Forge and would have exposed the Continental Army. General Lacey, the youngest appointed general under Washington's command, was a native
of Bucks County and knew the area better than any of the British soldiers or leaders. During the battle that commenced on May 1, 1778, 26 militiamen were killed, 9 wounded, and 58 captured. But most importantly, General Lacey saved hundreds of lives by moving his united militia north into Bucks County into Warminster and Ivyland, away from the British soldiers.

While the British reported no casualties, they never achieved their objectives. The militia continued disrupting supply lines, and General Lacey was never captured. While the British would claim this as a military victory, it was clearly a British failure thanks to the quick thinking and leadership of Gen. John Lacey. He is truly one of the unappreciated heroes of the American Revolution, and the Battle of Crooked Billet, which took place in Hatboro, is one of the turning points. And for that we declare May 1, 2017, as "Battle of Crooked Billet Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to speak on HR 115.

Mr. Speaker, nonketotic hyperglycinemia is a severe and rare disorder which leads to seizures, breathing and feeding difficulties, muscle limpness, and lethargy. Children with this condition have a problem breaking down the amino acid glycine. This is caused by a defect in the genetic code for the machinery that is responsible for the glycine breakdown.

Mr. Speaker, nonketotic hyperglycinemia affects 1 of every 60,000 births, and there is currently no cure and very few available treatment options. But by bringing attention to this disorder, we are encouraging our State's biomedical companies to conduct research and testing that is necessary to find a cure, or at the very least, design better treatments. Too many families are depending on it across our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I just want to thank the members of the House for their unanimous support of this resolution. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes Representative Snyder, who is recognized to speak on HR 272.
And she has submitted her remarks, so we thank you very much.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is my understanding we may have committee announcements next. I believe we may be beginning with the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations chairman is recognized for a committee announcement.
BILLS REREPOR TED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 168, PN 132  
By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights, further providing for wearing of uniforms and insignia.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 290, PN 1478  
By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, in financial provisions, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board, for Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and for Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 395, PN 1564  
By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 399, PN 411  
By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 671, PN 717  
By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1022, PN 1175  
By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and for transfer and articulation oversight committee.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1238, PN 1565  
By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Titles 3 (Agriculture), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 34 (Game) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for licenses for horse race meetings and for occupational licenses for individuals; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, repealing provisions relating to offense of cruelty to animals, live animals as prizes prohibited, police animals and assault with a biological agent on animal, fowl or honey bees and providing for offenses relating to cruelty to animals; in humane society police officers, further providing for definitions, for appointment by nonprofit corporations, for qualifications for appointment, for suspension, revocation, limitation and restriction of appointment and restoration of appointment, for powers and authority and jurisdiction, for search warrants and for costs; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for destruction of dogs declared public nuisances; in budget and finance, further providing for municipal corporation portion of fines, etc; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SENATE MESSAGE

RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate,
April 24, 2017

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 8, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further
RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 8, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 713, PN 770, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, in involuntary examination and treatment, further providing for persons who may be subject to involuntary emergency examination and treatment, for involuntary emergency examination and treatment authorized by a physician - not to exceed one hundred twenty hours, for extended involuntary emergency treatment certified by a judge or mental health review officer - not to exceed twenty days, for court-ordered involuntary emergency treatment certified by a judge or mental health review officer - not to exceed ninety days; and, in determinations affecting those charged with crime, or under sentence, further providing for incompetence to proceed on criminal charges and lack of criminal responsibility as defense.

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 1043, PN 1477**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for pain management clinics; and imposing penalties.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 324, PN 321**, entitled:

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.

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 939, PN 1498**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1978 (P.L.752, No.140), known as the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act, further providing for definitions, for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss; and repealing a retroactivity provision.

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

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

**HB 1248, PN 1572** (Amended) By Rep. DiGIROLAMO

An Act providing for study requirements prior to transferring a power, duty or function of a Commonwealth agency.

**HUMAN SERVICES.**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 291 By Representatives PEIFER, MAHER, MILLARD, DUNBAR, WARD, HEFFLEY, STAATS, DOWLING and PICKETT

A Resolution directing the Department of Community and Economic Development, in consultation with the Department of Revenue and the Independent Fiscal Office, to commence a study to investigate the feasibility and potential cost savings associated with the replacement of local earned income tax collection methods by local taxing committees with a Statewide collection method domiciled in the Department of Revenue.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 26, 2017.

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1288 By Representatives MARSHALL, BOBACK, V. BROWN, DeLUCA, DRISCOLL, GILLEN, IRVIN, M. K. KELLER, MARSICO, MILNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, TOEPEL, WARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 26, 2017.

No. 1289 By Representatives METCALFE, MILLARD, RYAN, GROVE and WHEELELAND

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 26, 2017.

No. 1290 By Representatives SANTORA, STAATS, MURT, BARRAR, DEAN, SIMMONS, DUNBAR, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, KAVULICH, CHARLTON, MULLERY, BENNINGHOFF, PHILLIPS-HILL, NEILSON, PASHINSKI, MENTZER, A. HARRIS, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, FREEMAN, GROVE, TOOHIL, KORTZ, HENNESSEY, GREINER, PETRI, CHRISTIANA, CORBIN, TALLMAN, WARD, C. QUINN, HICKERNELL, KAUFER, CONKLIN and MICCARELLI

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of departments and local authorities.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 26, 2017.

No. 1291 By Representatives MULLERY, CALTAGIRONE, MALONEY, GILLEN, ROZZI, RADER, BARBIN and JAMES

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

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 26, 2017.

No. 1292 By Representatives MULLERY, CALTAGIRONE, W. KELLER, McNEILL and D. COSTA

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

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 26, 2017.
SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

**SB 5, PN 758**
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 26, 2017.

**SB 95, PN 741**
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 26, 2017.

**SB 554, PN 740**
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 26, 2017.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED**

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

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 105, PN 604**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for unlawful acts and penalties and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

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

Mr. **HEFFLEY** offered the following amendment No. **A00987**:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph"

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out all of said lines

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Momentarily suspend.

Mr. Heffley, it is my understanding you are withdrawing amendment 987, but will be offering amendment 1024. Is that correct?

Mr. **HEFFLEY**. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, sir.

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

Mr. **HEFFLEY** offered the following amendment No. **A01024**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "Conducting telemarketing" and inserting
Making a telephone solicitation call

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

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

Mr. **HEFFLEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Baker Dush Klunk Quin, M.
Barbin Ellis Knowles Rader
Benninghoff Emrick Kortz Rapp
Bernstine Evankovich Krueger Ravenstahl
Bizzarro Evans Kulik Readshaw
Bloom Everett Lawrence Reed
Boyle Farry Longietti Reese
Bradford Fee Mackenzie Roa
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Dowling Kim Quigley Youngblood
Driscoll Kinsey Quinn, C. Zimmerman
Dunbar Kirkland
NAYS–7
Barrar  English    Maher     Schemel
Boback  Gillen    Peifer

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14
Christian Lewis  Rabb     Wheeland
Fabrizio       Mako      Simmons
Hennessey      McNeill   Sturla    Turzai,
James          Moul      Taylor    Speaker

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 938, PN 1094, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

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

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Evankovich, would like to, as I understand it, move for passage of a late-filed amendment. This will require suspension of the rules.

We will go over that bill temporarily.

RESOLUTION

Mr. CUTLER called up HR 131, PN 1260, entitled:

A Resolution appointing and empowering the Judiciary Committee to make an investigation.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION REVERTED TO PRIOR PRINTER'S NUMBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cutler, on his resolution.
The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Baker                  Dush                  Kirkland                  Quinn, C.
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Bradford              Fitzgerald            Madden                  Roe
Briggs                Flynn                  Maher                   Roebuck
Brown, R.             Franklin               Maloney                Rothman
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Burns                 Gabler                Marsico                Saccone
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Day                   Irvin                  Neuman                Neuman                   Vazquez
Dean                  Jozwiak               O'Brien                O'Brien                   Vitali
Deasy                 Kampf                O'Neill                 O'Neill                   Walsh
DeLissio              Kauffman             Oberlander            Oberlander              Ward
DeLuca                Kavulich             Pashinski            Pashinski               Warren
Dermody               Keefer                Peifer                Peifer                   Watson
Diamond              Keller, F.             Petraca                Petraca                Wentling
DiGirolamo           Keller, M.K.          Petri                   Wheatley
Donatucci            Keller, W.             Pickett               Pickett                  White
Dowling               Kim                   Pyle                  Pyle                      Youngblood
Driscoll              Kinsey                Quigley               Quigley               Zimmerman
Dunbar

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14

Christiania            Lewis                  Rabb                  Wheeland
Fabrizio              Mako                  Simmons               Simmons
Hennessey             McNeill                Sturla                Turzai,               Turzai,
James                 Moul                  Taylor                Taylor                    Speaker

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

ANNEX DISPOSITION REPORT
NO. 1 OF 2017, RESOLUTION A

Mr. REED called up ADR 1, Resolution A, entitled:

In the House of Representatives, March 20, 2017
Resolved, That the Annex Disposition Report transmitted by the Department of General Services under section 1(h) of the act of July 2, 2014 (P.L. 881, No. 100), to the General Assembly under date of February 2, 2017, which is incorporated in this resolution by reference, be approved.

On the question,
Will the House adopt Annex Disposition Report No. 1 of 2017, Resolution A?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–189

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Barbin                Ellis                  Klunk                   Quinn, M.
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Benninghoff           English                Kortz                   Rapp
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Conklin               Goodman               Mentzer                Schlossberg
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Corbin                Grove                 Metzgar                  Sims
Cor                   Haggerty             Miccarelli               Snyder
Costa, D.             Hanna                  Millard                Solomon
Costa, P.             Hanna                  Miller, B.              Sonney
Cox                   Harkins               Miller, D.              Staats
The SPEAKER pro tempore. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the presence of the gentleman, Mr. Wheeland, on the floor of the House, and he will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 399 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 Klunk Quinn, M.
Barbin Ellis Knowles Rader
Barrar Emrick Kortz Rapp
Benninghoff English Krueger Ravenstahl
Bernistine Evankovich Kulik Readshaw
Bizzarro Evans Lawrence Reed
Bloom Everett Longietti Reese
Boback Farry Mackenzie Roe
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Donatucci Keller, W. Pickert White
Dowling Kim Pyle Youngblood
Driscoll Kinsey Quigley Zimmerman

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–14

A majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative on Annex Disposition Report No. 1, Resolution A, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate and His Excellency, the Governor, accordingly.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 399, PN 411, entitled:

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

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.

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**CONSIDERATION OF HB 938 CONTINUED**

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

**RULES SUSPENDED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Returning to HB 938, PN 1094, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Evankovich, for a motion.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules for consideration of amendment A01033.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this motion, only the leaders are permitted to speak on the motion.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Since this amendment is a result of some continued discussions that will allow the bill to move quicker, I would urge the members to support it. It addresses some of the other issues that were raised subsequent to second consideration, so please vote in favor of it. Thank you.

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

Mr. DERMOODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Since this amendment is a result of some continued discussions that will allow the bill to move quicker, I would urge the members to support it. It addresses some of the other issues that were raised subsequent to second consideration, so please vote in favor of it. Thank you.

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

Mr. DERMOODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Since this amendment is a result of some continued discussions that will allow the bill to move quicker, I would urge the members to support it. It addresses some of the other issues that were raised subsequent to second consideration, so please vote in favor of it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–185**

Baker     Dush     Kinsey     Rader
Barbin    Ellis     Kirkland    Rapp
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Benninghoff    English    Knowles    Readshaw
Bernstine    Evankovich    Kortz    Reed
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Bloom     Everett    Kallik      Roae
Boback    Farry      Lawrence    Roe
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Carroll    Galloway  Maser       Santora
Caucer    Gergely    Matzie      Saylor
Cephas    Gillen     McCarter    Schenler
Chariton  Gillespie  McClimont    Schlossberg
Comitta  Godshall    McGinnis    Schweyer
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**NAYS–5**

Davidson  Miller, D.  Mullery    Neuman
Metzgar

**NOT VOTING–0**

**EXCUSED–13**

Christian Lewis Rabb
Fabrizio    Mako     Simmons    Turzai,
Hennessey    McNeill    Sturla    Speaker
James    Moul     Taylor

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.
On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. EVANKOVICH offered the following amendment
No. A01033:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the
duty or power of the Department of Environmental Protection over a
natural resource or residual waste in this Commonwealth.
Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the clerk did a great job of summarizing the
amendment. The amendment is agreed to by all parties and the
maker, and I would ask the members for an affirmative vote.

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

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I concur with the amendment's maker and ask
the chamber to support this amendment. It is a good
amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the
gentleman.

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

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Costa, P. Hanna Miller, D. Staats
Cox Harkins Milhe Stephens
Cruz Harper Mullery Tallman

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–13

Christian Lewis Rabb Turzai, Speaker
Fabrizio Mako Simmons
Hennessey McNeill Sturla
James Mou Taylor

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is my understanding all other
amendments to this bill have been withdrawn. Very good.

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill as amended will be
reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 1022,
PN 1175, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
known as the Public School Code of 1949, in transfers of credits
between institutions of higher education, further providing for
definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and
for transfer and articulation oversight committee.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?
Bill was agreed to.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Murt, rise?

Mr. MURT. Unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, on HB 1022.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. MURT. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to congratulate the House on passing this bill.

There are many avenues by which Pennsylvanians can earn college credits. These include Advanced Placement, Dantes, CLEP (College-Level Examination Program), and others, and coordinating these credit-earning opportunities and creating uniform standards for awarding college credit for prior learning in institutions of higher learning is a critically important mission, and HB 1022 accomplishes that. Mr. Speaker, I want to add that this is especially important to our veterans, military personnel, military families, and nontraditional students.

This is an excellent bill, and I thank my colleague from Philadelphia for offering this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a prime cosponsor of HB 1022, I would like to submit these comments for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the members for moving forward this legislation.

HB 1022 is a collaborative effort between Chairman Roebuck and me that would relieve some of the financial burden of college tuition by eliminating the need to pay for duplicate courses.

If the legislation becomes law, high school students who have taken Advanced Placement courses and obtained a score of 3 or more on the AP exam will receive college course credit from Pennsylvania public institutions of higher education. These students work hard and deserve to be rewarded for their endeavor, as do their parents, who work hard to save money in order to afford their child’s education.

We appreciate your positive votes and look forward to seeing this bill go through the Governor’s desk.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, on the passage of his legislation.
Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of this bill, and I certainly thank the gentlelady, Mrs. Hill, for her support and her cosponsorship. And I would also like to thank Representative Carol Hill-Evans from York for her strong support of the legislation, and I am hopeful that this will provide an additional means to encourage young people to attend college and allow them and their parents to deal with the financial burden of that education.

So thank you, and I look forward to seeing the bill pass the Senate and move into law. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 290, PN 1478**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, in financial provisions, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board, for Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and for Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

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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 House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 395, PN 1564**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DiGirolamo, on his legislation.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 395, Mr. Speaker, very simply removes the drugs that are used to treat epilepsy seizure disorder from being entered into the database. These drugs are all Schedule V drugs,
nonnarcotic, virtually no chance to be abused. This was a very high priority of the Epilepsy Foundation, and I would like to ask the members for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
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The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 168, PN 132**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights, further providing for wearing of uniforms and insignia.

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

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 1238, PN 1565, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 3 (Agriculture), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 34 (Game) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for licenses for horse race meetings and for occupational licenses for individuals; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, repealing provisions relating to offense of cruelty to animals, live animals as prizes prohibited, police animals and assault with a biological agent on animal, fowl or honey bees and providing for offenses relating to cruelty to animals; in humane society police officers, further providing for definitions, for appointment by nonprofit corporations, for qualifications for appointment, for suspension, revocation, limitation and restriction of appointment and restoration of appointment, for powers and authority and jurisdiction, for search warrants and for costs; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for destruction of dogs declared public nuisances; in budget and finance, further providing for municipal corporation portion of fines, etc; and making editorial changes.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the sponsor of the bill stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has indicated he will and you may proceed, Mr. Knowles.

Mr. Knowles, you may proceed.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the gentleman from Montgomery County for agreeing to answer some questions.

Mr. Speaker, in terms of the component of the bill dealing with tethering, can you give me a brief explanation in terms of the tethering as to the length of the rope or chain, as to the period of time? Can you just give me a brief explanation of that?

Mr. STEPHENS. So, Mr. Speaker, I mean, they are all laid out right in the bill. It is on page 31. They start at line 22. Do you just want me to read it for you or—

Mr. KNOWLES. No. If you want to that would be fine, but I am asking you about the length of the tether and the time in terms of being allowed to be tethered.

Mr. STEPHENS. Yeah, sure.

So here is what we did: With respect to tethering, today, today, without this bill, there are countless examples of people who are being prosecuted for animal cruelty for improperly tethering their dogs, but yet our law does not provide any guidelines whatsoever. None. I have well over a dozen examples taken from Pennsylvania newspapers over the last year of folks who have been charged with cruelty for causing serious injuries to their dogs for improperly tethering them. So what we did was we laid out just a couple of factors to say, hey, look, if you touch these bases, you are going to give you the benefit of the doubt and say, look, if you touch these bases, then you are not going to be out of bounds. You are still going to be within the permissible type of tethering that will not cause these types of injuries.

So in terms of presumptions— and again, all of these are rebuttable presumptions, so none of these are hard-and-fast rules— you are always going to have the ability to argue your case before a district judge. This does not create a new offense—a lot of misinformation about that. No new offense is being created here regarding tethering. All this does is provide some guidance for folks who might want to tether their dogs and how they can do so properly so they do not get jammed up.

So the presumption that if you tether an unattended dog out of doors for less than 9 hours within a 24-hour period, when all the following conditions are present, it is a rebuttable presumption that a dog has not been the subject of neglect within the meaning of section 5532. So the factors to be considered are that "The tether is of a type commonly used for the size and breed of dog and is at least three times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail or 10 feet, whichever is longer." Two, that "The tether is secured to a well-fitted collar or harness by means of a swivel anchor, swivel latch or other mechanism designed to prevent the
dog from becoming entangled." Three, "The tethered dog has access to potable water and an area of shade that permits the dog to escape the direct rays of the sun," and four, "The dog has not been tethered for longer than 30 minutes in temperatures above 90 or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit."

Now, those are all the rebuttable presumptions that say, hey, this dog is fine. You do these things, you are in, as the attorney who was involved with this indicated, a safe harbor and you are not going to have a problem there, and you certainly can point to those to the district judge if for some reason somebody were to suggest otherwise.

Now you have the flip side of the coin, right? What are some of the factors that are going to, you know, probably give you a problem? The presence of any of the following conditions regarding tethering an unattended dog out of doors shall create a rebuttable presumption that the dog has been the subject of neglect within the meaning of section 5532: "Excessive waste or excrement in the area where the dog is tethered; open sores or wounds on the dog's body; the use of a tow or log chain, or a choke, pinch, prong or chain collar."

I think most notably, Mr. Speaker, these are not factors that we just came up with. These are factors that commercial kennels already are subject to, so there is a whole body of law that would provide additional guidance and materials on these factors. So these are generally accepted factors that those in the dog world are certainly aware of.

But I think what is also important as it relates to tethering is there are certain exemptions, if you will, within the tethering section. So for instance, on page 32, "This section shall not be construed to prohibit any of the following: Tethering a dog while actively engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition, performance events or field training." Two, "Tethering a hunting, sporting or sledding dog breed where tethering is integral to the training, conditioning or purpose of the dog." Three, "Tethering a dog in compliance with the requirements of a camping or recreation area." Four, "Tethering a dog for a period of time, not to exceed one hour, reasonably necessary for the dog or person to complete a temporary task."

So those are all exemptions that apply as it relates to tethering. We have tried to provide some guidance for folks so that they do not unnecessarily and unknowingly get jammed up, as they could very well today because there is no guidance in current law.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, can you just address the degree of the crime in terms of —

Mr. STEPHENS. Sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. KNOWLES. I wanted to make sure you were still with me, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. STEPHENS. I appreciate it.

Mr. KNOWLES. Could you talk a little bit about the degree of the crime in terms of summaries — in terms of tethering itself, is it a summary offense, a misdemeanor, a felony?

Mr. STEPHENS. So look, it is the same as all the other provisions that are listed out in the bill. So, generally speaking, neglect is going to be a summary. If bodily injury results as a result of the neglect, it will be an M3, a misdemeanor of the third degree. On the cruelty side, it would generally be a summary except for instances where you have bodily injury, which would make it a misdemeanor of the second degree, and then, obviously, when you get up into the torture and the killing aspects, that is where you hit the felony of the third degree, the most egregious instances in this case.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in terms of — I am an animal—

Mr. STEPHENS. Actually — I am sorry, because I was thinking of something here.

Just to clarify, there is no new offense for tethering. So those are the standard — neglect, cruelty, aggravated cruelty — provisions that would apply right now.

Look, if we do not do this bill, people are still getting charged with cruelty to animals and they are getting charged for improperly tethering their dog, so in my mind, we should provide them with some guidance on how to do it properly.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am an animal control officer and I am walking down the street and I hear a dog barking, and the yard is a fenced-in yard. I cannot see in. So my question is, is that probable cause, and if it is not, can you tell me what would be the reason for me to enter that property if I am an animal control officer?

Mr. STEPHENS. Sure. I mean, look, every single one of these cases in terms of probable cause, which is a Fourth Amendment assessment— And by the way, we are not in any way touching the Fourth Amendment. We make no changes. So this bill will not in any way change what would allow someone to go on somebody else's property under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. So in the end, that is going to turn on a case-by-case basis and the facts are going to be very specific.

I am not a judge. In my opinion, the hypo you laid out does not rise to the level of probable cause to permit me to go onto somebody's property just because there is a dog barking. Frankly, based on your hypo, I do not even think you could conclude that it is on that property, because all you heard was a dog barking and you cannot see the dog so therefore do not know where it is. But it is going to be really difficult to go through every single hypo because all of these are going to be so fact-specific. But I can assure you we make no changes to the way these cases are handled under the Fourth Amendment regarding search and seizure or access to property or anything else like that.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe yesterday you made a comment relative to a farm community, and I do not want to quote you incorrectly, but I believe that what you said was that this legislation will have no effect on the farm community, and I would wonder if you could give me an example of when would an animal control officer, when would he have the authority to go onto a farm?

Mr. STEPHENS. Well, again, the exact same places where it is now. We do not change that at all. There are no changes relative to the Fourth Amendment and who is allowed on a property and who is not. We maintain the exact same agricultural exemption in current law. There are no changes to that whatsoever. So anything within a normal agricultural operation is going to be subject to an exemption the same way it is today under current law, and the Fourth Amendment is going to provide the same protections to property and liberty and everything else like that — search and seizure — as it does today. We make no changes.
Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the gentleman taking the time to answer those questions. I greatly appreciate it. I just wanted to remind the members—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Knowles, on the bill.

Mr. KNOWLES. On the bill, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That ended your interrogation. Thank you, sir.

You may proceed.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to remind the members—and I am doing this as a courtesy, I believe, is to let you know that the Farm Bureau is opposed to this legislation. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Sainato, on HB 1238, final passage.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to support HB 1238.

I think the time has come for us to put this very important piece of legislation forward.

I had an opportunity on Monday to attend the event outside when they had the animals here. When I saw a black dog who was beaten, who couldn't no longer walk because it has like a wheelchair for this dog to get around, and what potentially is the person charged with, Mr. Speaker? Under the present law, you get charged with a summary offense, a summary offense for beating an animal. That is unconscionable that we could even think about something like that, but it was there. Anyone who was outside saw it. Another dog was there who had 13 cigarette butt burn holes in it; a slap on the wrist, a summary offense.

It is time Pennsylvania joins 40-plus other States in saying we are very serious about how animals are treated in this State. This legislation took a lot of effort and work in a true bipartisan form. I think every one of us in this chamber understands the importance of this. If you cannot take care of your animals and your children and our elderly, these are the three things out there that are so important for a society, to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves, and I think the time is here.

There is not a week that goes by in today's society that you do not read an article in the newspaper about an animal being abused, whether it be a cat or a dog. In my most recent newspaper, someone left a dog to starve to death in a home. Call someone, take it to the Humane Society, take it somewhere where they can get something, but to leave it to die? What kind of people are they who would do something like this, Mr. Speaker? It is time that they pay the price.

A case in Ohio, where they have tougher laws, where someone tied a dog behind a car and forgot about it and drove and the poor animal was killed. I think the judge sentenced him to 5 years in prison—5 years. In Pennsylvania you get a slap on the wrist. I think the time has come when the slap on the wrist does not work anymore.

I know in my district, Mr. Speaker, if you do that to an animal, the offender would be better off going to jail, because you would not want to mess with the person who owns that dog or a cat or any other animal that is part of many people's families.

Pets are a part of people's families, and I think today is a very, very important day to move this bill forward. We need to pass this. We need to send a message, and hopefully, the Senate will get it on Governor Wolf's desk soon and Pennsylvania will stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

Vote "yes" on HB 1238.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Diamond, on final passage.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the maker of the bill stand for brief interrogation, very brief?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman please suspend.

The gentleman has indicated he will, and you may proceed.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, during the previous interrogation, you read part of the bill. It was page 32, line 19. One of the qualifiers that would, I guess, automatically qualify that a dog has been neglected is excessive waste or excrement in the area where they are tethered. Is that correct?

Mr. STEPHENS. No.

Mr. DIAMOND. No?

Mr. STEPHENS. No.

Mr. DIAMOND. So excessive waste or excrement qualifies as—Maybe I am just not understanding what that qualifies as then.

Mr. STEPHENS. Yes; sure. I can reread that. On page 32, line 19 actually talks about open sores or wounds on the dog's body, but I suspect you are talking about line 15, "The presence of any of the following conditions regarding tethering an unattended dog out of doors shall create a rebuttable presumption that a dog has been the subject of neglect within the meaning of section 5532... Excessive waste or excrement in the area where the dog is tethered." Is that the piece you are talking about?

Mr. DIAMOND. Yes; that is correct.

Mr. STEPHENS. So it is a rebuttable presumption. It does not mean you are automatically guilty of anything.

Mr. DIAMOND. But it is a presumption, correct?

Mr. STEPHENS. It is a rebuttable presumption that you have improperly tethered your dog.

Mr. DIAMOND. And under what metric qualifies as "excessive"?

Mr. STEPHENS. So this goes back to the previous speaker's comments. This is going to turn on its facts— the size of the dog, the size of the area that we are involved with. I mean, how much waste do you want to stand in all day long? That is, you know, obviously a factor that is going to be considered. If the dog cannot move without stepping in its own waste, probably excessive. These are all going to turn on various facts such as size of the dog, the amount of space available to the dog, things along those lines.

Mr. DIAMOND. And whose opinion is that subject to? I mean, does the owner have any metric—Is the owner of the animal—Okay. Let us say I have a 10-foot tether. How do I determine when it becomes excessive in the eyes of an animal enforcement officer? If I go out there and clean up once a week, is that enough? How do I know as a dog owner what some passing-by animal control officer is going to determine to be excessive?

Mr. STEPHENS. So it is the exact same way you know right now.
Mr. DIAMOND. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I cannot hear the gentleman.
Mr. STEPHENS. Hey, Jimmy, give me some volume, man. It is the exact same way you would know right now.

Look, the fact is, right now, today, people are being charged with improperly tethering their dogs, and we provide no guidance to even consider the amount of waste that they have to stand in. So what this does is it says to folks, "Hey, you need to be aware." This is a factor that a district judge — And as you know, I am sure, ultimately it is the trier of fact who would make the determination about whether there is excessive waste, but I think it is important to understand even that is not dispositive. This is a rebuttable presumption. So there might be several other factors that you raised to the district judge, where the district judge says, you know what? I get it. There was a lot of waste, but on this particular day, you know, he got hung up at work, and therefore did not get home when he thought he would normally. This was an aberration, and therefore, I am not going to, you know, subject this guy to the summary offense for the neglect citation.

So it is a presumption. It is not a bright line. It is a guidepost so that people have an idea of some of the factors they need to be mindful of when tethering their dog, and without it, we have people being charged with zero guidance, and I think that is unfair to them.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill?
The SPEAKER pro tempore. You are in order and may proceed. Interrogation has ended. I appreciate that.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I wanted to get some sort of certainty out of the maker of the bill on the term "excessive." I did not, and that is what bothers me about this, because your version, Mr. Speaker, of excessive is certainly going to be different than my version of excessive or 201 other versions of excessive.

In fact, from the interrogation I got even more confusion, because what we were told is that it is a rebuttable presumption. Well, just because I can rebuttal something does not mean that rebuttal is going to be accepted, and this is the problematic part of the language of this bill that I find concerning.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in request of a leave of absence for both gentlemen, Representatives FRANKEL and CRUZ, from the minority whip. Without objection, the leaves will be so granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1238 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Heffley, is recognized on final passage.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think we all in this chamber have an affection for our pets and animals. Myself, I have been a dog owner pretty much my whole life. I have my little dog now, a little sheltie. I put his picture on Facebook, got 1,000 likes. He is a great dog. I got him from a rescue. We saved our cat from a rescue as well. Actually, it was abandoned. We found a kitten at a trucking company and we saved it. I love animals.

And you know, as we work on legislation in this body, so often people come up, and at the end as we work on legislation, we come to an agreement with all the quote, "stakeholders," and I was really hoping that that is what we could do on this legislation. Unfortunately, the Farm Bureau has a lot of concerns, and I understand their concerns. There are a lot of folks that do not understand what goes on on a farm. I am one of them, but these professionals, these people that work the land, they get up at 4 a.m. and work until 8 p.m. every day, and they are surrounded by animals all the time. If they have concerns with this bill, I think we should really try to address those concerns before we pass it.

I am going to be a "no" vote on this bill today, and it is disappointing because I really wish I could have come to be a "yes" vote. I wish I could have supported some of the ideas in this legislation to make clarity and to help protect our dogs, making sure we are breaking up these horrible dogfighting rings. However, because we could not come to an agreement with all the stakeholders and because the farmers have such a concern with this bill, I am going to have to be a "no" at this time. I am hoping that if the bill goes to the Senate, they could address the concerns of the Farm Bureau and I could be an affirmative on this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Ryan, is recognized on final passage.

Mr. RYAN. I have been asked to make this quick.

First of all, thank you for allowing me to speak on the bill today.

If I could just say – and Representative Sainato made a comment that I think is particularly appropriate – anyone who would even remotely condone cruelty to an animal is, in my mind, an evil human being. I have three animals, one of whom is a rescue, and I love the little guy dearly. He has since passed away. We would go to almost superhuman efforts to do this, but I just want to make a couple of comments.

My objection to this bill – which I will probably end up reluctantly voting for, because I would give this a D-minus – but I am just going to make a couple quick comments. First of all, if you are in the military and you receive a summary offense, the minute you receive the summary offense for this, your security clearance is revoked pending full adjudication. If the person is guilty, I do not have a problem with that. If they are not guilty, I do. Number one.

Number two, justice is supposed to be blind, and I thought that was what we were doing. If this was a police officer or a county employee or a municipal employee, I would be behind this bill 100 percent, but the person works for a not-for-profit that has an agenda. So let me give you an example. If you support this concept behind this bill, then you would apparently have no objection to having the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference regulate Planned Parenthood, you would apparently have no major problem with the Commonwealth Foundation certifying teachers. That is the level of the concern when someone is relying upon donors to help determine public policy.

And I would really just make this last comment. When you are looking at this bill, this is a bill that is really difficult to vote against; it really is. It is like mom and apple pie. But I was on
active duty when September 11 happened, and we passed the Patriot Act, and I think pretty much everybody in the military will tell you it sounded really good, but what a really bad idea. We thought No Child Left Behind sounded really good, but all it did was leave a lot of children behind. Be careful on a bill that gives a judicial capability to someone that works for a not-for-profit. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. WHEATLEY. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

**CONSIDERATION OF HB 1238 CONTINUED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Anyone else seeking recognition on final passage?

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 671, PN 717, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The gentlelady, Mrs. Dean, is recognized on final passage. She may proceed.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we know, and I just want to be really clear so that as you are reading this on your screen, a gentle reminder, this is not simply a change to the bill that adds the 60-day provision, written notice provision. You know this is entirely new law because the old law was struck down as unconstitutional.

And very briefly, why I rise against this legislation is pretty simple. It expands standing to membership organizations that are unidentified. It expands damages to only plaintiffs and not to defendants who are successful. So our municipalities will be...
subject to damages and fees, experts' costs, attorney's fees, and so-called damages, yet if our municipalities successfully defend these suits, they are not treated equally. So it is very out of balance.

It is an unprecedented expansion of standing. So standing goes to any person who legally can own a gun in Pennsylvania to sue any municipality for any firearms ordinance whatsoever – any person. So somebody in Erie – and I love Erie – can sue my municipality in Abington because they do not like one of our ordinances. That is an unusual standing.

Also added to it is the fact that it is standing for people who have no harm. Why would we allow people to sue for damages where they have to show no harm? It is a very unprecedented expansion of legal rights to sue.

And third, it expands standing to membership organizations. The last time we went at this and we reviewed this legislation, I asked the maker, would a membership organization include the KKK (Ku Klux Klan)? Could any member of the KKK – it is a membership organization – could any member of the KKK under this legislation, should it pass, sue my municipality because they do not like lost and stolen ordinances? The answer, unfortunately, is yes.

I also asked, could a member of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) similarly decide to sue one of my municipalities because they do not like a firearms ordinance?

This is an extraordinary overreach. We know exactly what it is intended to do. It is carrying the water of the NRA (National Rifle Association) to allow them to threaten to sue municipalities. And guess what? They have done it. The NRA has sued Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Lancaster. Firearms owners against crime sued Harrisburg, Lower Merion Township. U.S. LawShield, a Texas-based membership organization, has sued Harrisburg.

So for those of you who often argue about local control and how you believe that locals ought to be able to control what goes on in their communities and to protect their communities because what happens in their communities is not what happens in yours, you have left your municipalities, my municipalities, and your neighbors' municipalities open to frivolous lawsuits where no harm has to be shown.

It is unprecedented. It is sad. It will be found unconstitutional. I urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The clerk will read the following supplemental report from the Committee on Committees.
The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
April 26, 2017

Resolved that,

Representative Vazquez, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Urban Affairs Committee vice Representative Kim resigned.

Representative Vazquez, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee vice Representative Vitali resigned.

Representative Vazquez, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the State Government Committee vice Representative Vitali resigned.

Representative Vazquez, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Local Government Committee vice Representative Vitali resigned.

Representative Hanna, Clinton County, is elected a member of the Game and Fisheries Committee vice Representative Vitali resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Dan Deasy
Chairman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There will be no further votes.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentlelady, Ms. Boback, rise?
Ms. BOBACK. A vote, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Do you wish to correct a vote?
Ms. BOBACK. Yes, please.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.
Ms. BOBACK. Thank you.
On HB 105, amendment 1024, I was recorded "nay." It should have been "yea." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady, and her remarks will be spread upon the record.

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 939; and
HB 1043.

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 118;
HB 205;
HB 352;
HB 411;
HB 454;
HB 542;
HB 653; and
HB 782.

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. The gentleman, Representative Lawrence, moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, May 8, 2017, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:43 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.