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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (Max Pievsky) IN THE CHAIR

### PRAYER

REVEREND DOCTOR DAVID R. HOOVER, chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

O God, in the busyness of life, we thank Thee that we may pause in the quiet of this hour to come apart and communicate with Thee. We reflect upon all which Thou hast done for us and shared with us, and we are extremely grateful. We are aware of our need of Thee in the midst of the entanglements of life and we call upon Thee for Thy continued strength and guidance. We remember that we belong to Thee and are only sojourners in this world, and we pray that we may never forget our heritage and the truth of life as Thou dost reveal it unto us. To Thee be honor, glory, and praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, approval of the Journal for Monday, February 3, 1975, will be postponed until printed.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

By Messrs. IRVIS, LETTERMAN, RHODES, VANN, SHUPNIK, Mrs. Kelly, Messrs. D. S. HAYES, SCIRICA, RICHARDSON, GARZIA, HASKELL, DOMBROWSKI and R. W. WILT

#### HOUSE BILL No. 181

An Act amending "The General Appropriation Act of 1974," approved June 26, 1974 (No. 21-A), providing for a deficiency in the appropriation to the Department of Justice.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Messrs. IRVIS, BUTERA and SELTZER

#### HOUSE BILL No. 189

An Act amending "The General Appropriation Act of 1974," approved June 26, 1974 (No. 21-A), making deficiency appropriations for incidental expenses and Legislative printing and expenses of the House of Representatives, for the House Special Leadership Account (R), and for the House Special Leadership Account (D).

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will all members in their

offices and in the capitol complex please come to the floor of the House so that we may proceed with the master roll call?

### LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Novak.

Mr. NOVAK. Mr. Speaker, as a matter of information and, to the best of my recollection, last session, I introduced a bill under the number of House bill No. 225, which would provide free transportation for anyone who is permanently disabled. I have the bill at my desk right now, and anyone interested in signing the bill, I would be happy to have them sign it. It provides free transportation for anyone who is declared permanently disabled. The bill did pass last October in this House by a vote of 189 to 0. The bill is at my desk.

Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The members are again advised to come to the floor immediately for the master roll call. All members in their offices will please come to the floor for the master roll call.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, I request leaves of absence for Messrs. SWEENEY and FINEMAN for today's session.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I request leaves of absence for Mr. USTYNOSKI for today's session, and for Mr. PARKER for today's and tomorrow's session.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, leaves are granted.

### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. M. E. MILLER requested and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. M. E. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, on February 2, at 7:13 a.m., "groundhog standard time," the Slumbering Lodge of Groundhogs of Quarryville witnessed the marmot emerge from its hole, did not see its shadow, did a back flip, and spring is around the corner.

Not only that, Mr. Speaker, but this Lodge took in as an honorary member this year Coach Joe Paterno of Penn State, and the Refton shale belt squad of the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge found the most unusual species in the history of "hogdom," a species the size of a man,

with the head of a groundhog, and the hind quarters of a lion—the "Nittany Hog," would you believe—an animal that will roar through opposing lines with the ferociousness of a lion all the while opening its own holes.

We report the forecast for Quarryville—"Nittany Hog" is going to be No. 1 in 1975.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman for the most informative report.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE

Mr. L. E. SMITH requested and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. L. E. SMITH. I would like to report to the members of the House that even with Joe Paterno's admission into the Quarryville Lodge and the innovation of the Nittany Groundhog, this is not going to help those fakers one bit in trying to overshadow Punxsutawney.

I would like to also report that the Punxsutawney Lodge has done something for a period of 10 years which I feel is very constructive. We have brought into Punxsutawney, during that 2-day celebration, foreign exchange students from all over Pennsylvania. On many occasions these young people write back of their experiences during their year in the state, and this is one of the highlights of their visit to the United States.

This year we had people there from Mexico, Japan, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Australia, three from Belgium, one from England, Brazil, Norway, El Salvador, South Africa, Italy, Malaysia, Luxembourg, Denmark and Peru.

Those young people go back to their respective countries after their visit to this state and become very enthusiastic about the groundhog celebration which they witnessed in Punxsutawney, and we feel that we are doing our part for worldwide relations by having these young people as a part of that celebration. I thought the members of the House might be interested in that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILL REPORTED AND CONSIDERED FIRST TIME AND TABLED

HOUSE BILL No. 144

By Mr. PERRY

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing payments of increased retirement benefits to beneficiaries of members.

Reported from Committee on State Government.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will now proceed with the master roll call. The members will proceed to vote and only those in their seats will be voted.

The roll was taken and was as follows:

YEAS—195

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS', including Abraham, Anderson, J. H., Arthurs, Barber, Bellomini, Bennett, Beren, Berlin, Berson, Bittle, Blackwell, Bonetto, Garzia, Geesey, Geisler, George, Giammarco, Gillespie, Gillette, Gleason, Gleason, Mebus, Goodman, Green, Greenfield, Manmiller, McClatchy, McCall, McCue, McGinnis, McGraw, McIntyre, McLane, Mebus, Menhorn, Milanovich, Miller, M. E., Ruggiero, Ryan, Saloom, Salvatore, Scheaffer, Schmitt, Schweder, Scirca, Seltzer, Shane, Shelhamer, Shelton.

Table listing names of members who were present or absent, including Bradley, Brandt, Brunner, Burns, Butera, Caputo, Cessar, Cimini, Cohen, Cole, Cowell, Crawford, Cumberland, Davies, Davis, D. M., DeMedio, Deverter, Dicarolo, DiDonato, Dininni, Dietz, Dombrowski, Dorr, Doyle, Dreibelbia, Eckensberger, Englehart, Fawcett, Fee, Fischer, Fisher, Flaherty, Foster, A., Foster, W., Fryer, Gallagher, Gallen, Grieco, Gring, Halverson, Hamilton, J. H., Hammock, Hasay, Haskell, Hayes, D. S., Hayes, S. E., Hepford, Hill, Hopkins, Hutchinson, A., Hutchinson, W., Irvis, Itkin, Johnson, J., Katz, Kelly, A. P., Kelly, J. B., Kernick, Kistler, Klingaman, Knepper, Koltner, Kowalshyn, Kusse, LaMarca, Laudadio, Laughlin, Lederer, Lehr, Letterman, Levi, Lincoln, Lynch, Manderlino, Miller, M. E., Jr., Milliron, Mischevich, Moehlmann, Morris, Mrkoncic, Mullen, M. P., Mullen, Musto, Myers, Novak, Noye, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Donnell, O'Keefe, Oliver, Paneoast, Perri, Perry, Petrarca, Plevsky, Pitts, Polite, Pratt, Prendergast, Pyles, Rappaport, Reed, Renninger, Renwick, Rhodes, Richardson, Rieger, Ritter, Romanelli, Ross, Shuman, Shupnik, Sirlanni, Smith, E., Smith, L., Spencer, Stahl, Stapleton, Sullivan, Taddonio, Taylor, Tayoun, Thomas, Toll, Trello, Turner, Valicenti, Vann, Vroon, Wagner, Wansacz, Weidner, Westerberg, Whelan, Whittlesey, Wilson, Wilt, R. W., Wilt, W. W., Wojdak, Worriolow, Wright, Yahner, Zearfoos, Zeller, Zord, Zwickl.

NOT VOTING—8

Table listing names of members who did not vote, including Parker, H. S., Stout, Sweeney, Ustynoski, Walsh, T. P., Wargo, Yohn, Fineman, Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One hundred ninety-five members having indicated their presence, a master roll is established.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, there are a number of members who are in meetings, including those members who are off the floor of the House at the Consumer Protection Committee meeting, and they will not be, therefore, available for the master roll. I would ask that the Chair not release the master roll at this time until we return to the floor at 3:30. That will give all members who are absent at this time a chance to register on the master roll.

Let me emphasize to the members again, Mr. Speaker, we are going to be here tomorrow. I have had a number of inquiries and I expected them. Lee, my committee meeting is canceled; Lee, we do not have anything to do; Lee, I do not have a committee meeting; do I have to be here? The answer is "Yes."

We will run a master roll call tomorrow. The only way your presence will be noted in Harrisburg is if you are on that master roll or on the roll call of the committee meeting regularly.

I have been asked by committee chairmen, Can I postpone meetings? The answer is "No." We have advertised the meeting. The meeting should be held as scheduled. If you do nothing except shake hands with each other, be there.

Mr. Speaker, I will yield the floor to Mr. Ryan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I have heard the remarks of the majority leader, Mr. Irvis. I knew they were coming but, nevertheless, for the record I would like to enter my protest on behalf of myself and on behalf of many of the other members of this House to the

course of action which the majority leader evidently is taking us on.

In particular, I protest the need for members to be present in the hall of the House tomorrow for the sole purpose of having their names placed on a master roll call. I think it is up to the members themselves to determine if they can better serve their constituents by being home in their home districts or being here in Harrisburg for the sole purpose of pushing a button for 5 minutes tomorrow.

If the committees have work to do, then I agree with him, the people should be here. If the chairmen are being urged to create work for the sole purpose of making up a schedule tomorrow so the members have a reason to be here, I would protest that.

I think, Mr. Speaker, honestly, that no one, including the press, expects that in the opening days of this session these committees are going to have sufficient legislation to consider or, if they do have sufficient legislation, sufficient information to study the legislation that requires us to be here in these opening days on a full 3-day basis. I see no objection to staying 3 and 4 and 5 days if the need is here. But to require our members to be present tomorrow—and I am not talking about Republican members; I am talking about members—for the sole purpose of making the master roll call when they have no committee assignments, no committee meetings, and work to do in their home districts, I honestly believe is ridiculous and I want the record to reflect that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. I will wait until the applause is over.

We will be here tomorrow. The committee meetings have been scheduled. I will expect the committee meetings to take place as scheduled.

We are going off the floor in 5 minutes for a caucus, and on the Democratic side we are going to caucus on the rules' changes, and I would urge the Democratic members who are interested in the rules of the House to be certain to be at that caucus. It will be the only caucus in which we will deal exclusively with the proposed changes by Democratic members.

At the end of this caucus, we will send to the Republican caucus our proposed rules' changes. We would anticipate that the Republican caucus will send to us their proposed rules' changes.

During the two caucuses, I would suggest that if those of you who are displeased with the proposed system can suggest a better system whereby we will function, that you suggest that by way of the rules' changes, which will be voted on finally on Tuesday, February 11, as I promised you. The majority leader will abide by the rules of the House, but so will you abide by the rules of the House as long as we have those rules, and the rules of the House presently say that we are going to have committee meetings scheduled 3 days a week. So you will abide by the rules and I shall abide by the rules. If the House decides to change the rules, so be it. Let us not debate those proposed changes here and now. Let us not argue whether or not we like it or do not like it, whether it is ridiculous or not ridiculous. Let us get to the business of drawing up the rules for the House of Representatives. Let us pass them on February 11 and then thereafter we shall abide by them.

## REQUEST FOR RECESS

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I understand there are two members waiting on the floor and if they will make their statements briefly so that we may recess at 1:30, I would call for a recess of the House of Representatives at 1:30, lasting until 3:30, asking that the members report promptly to the House at 3:30 because we intend to take up for a vote, House resolution No. 17.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Vann.

Mr. VANN. Mr. Speaker, unlike the minority whip, I do not rise to protest anything. I simply want a clarification from the majority leader.

If we are not going to take the roll call now, I would like to remind him that there are members on the floor now who are not going to be on the floor at 3:30 because of committee meetings. Those members, then, at 3:30 will not be able to be recorded on the master roll. I would like to ask him, what do we do in a situation like that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, the business of the House takes precedence over any committee meeting. The business of the House requires that we be here for a vote at 3:30. It may, therefore, mean that you have to delay your appearance at a committee meeting for 15 minutes. You will so delay it until we can conduct the business of the House.

Mr. VANN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## INTERROGATION

Mr. W. W. WILT requested and obtained unanimous consent to interrogate Mr. LAUDADIO.

Mr. W. W. WILT. Will the gentleman inform the members of the House Conservation Committee whether or not we have a meeting today or tomorrow?

Mr. LAUDADIO. No; we have canceled out our meetings for this week and we are standing on the cancellation.

We had a conflict of meeting-room placement and it is for that reason we canceled out.

Mr. W. W. WILT. Thank you.

## NO REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. For the information of the Republican members, we will not have a caucus today. The Republican members will not caucus today. We will await the amendments of the majority.

## COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Mr. Brunner.

Mr. BRUNNER. Mr. Speaker, for the information of the members of the Finance Committee, I want to remind you that the committee meeting that was interrupted will reconvene at 2 o'clock.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair now declares a recess until 3:30 p.m.

The Chair hears no objection. This House is now in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (Max Pievsky)  
IN THE CHAIR****ANNOUNCEMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I would request that you return to leaves of absence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will take leaves of absence.

Mr. RYAN. I would like added to the leaves for tomorrow's session, Mr. Wright from Bucks County, who will be, together with other members of the Mines and Energy Management Committee, out of town tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, leave is granted.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry and I apologize. Apparently our announcement earlier was not understood by a number of members. If you were present on the floor of the House and answered to the master roll at 1 o'clock, you are already registered on the master roll. You do not have to vote again.

The only members required to announce their presence are those who were not on the master roll as it was taken at 1 o'clock. That is all. We do not do it twice.

Secondly, to those members within the hearing of my voice, I wish to alert them to the fact that I am going to yield the floor to Mr. Zeller, who was waiting to make a statement when we were cut off at the pass. Following that, I am going to call up for a vote, House resolution No. 17. There will be a vote immediately following Mr. Zeller's statement.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to Mr. Zeller.

**PERMISSION TO ADDRESS HOUSE**

Mr. ZELLER requested and obtained unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ZELLER. Mr. Speaker, maybe someone thought it was a speech which I am preparing in regard to another subject, but I am on a very touchy one in regard to home rule at the present time. It is in regard to something that we have talked about in the past which a lot of people take as sort of a comical thing, and that is fluoridation.

We talk about home rule and the right of local government to make decisions for their people. Let me call to your attention what the bureaucracy is trying to do.

They are trying to circumvent the rights of you as a

Representative and your people in that the DER, the Department of Environmental Resources, in collusion with the Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Dental Association, is with taxpayers' money trying to force through a mandated rule to force fluoridation upon every community in this state.

Now let me read to you from a court action taken for the city of Lebanon. This is right from the press, and I wanted to call your attention to what is happening.

Commonwealth Court is expected to rule soon on whether all public municipal drinking water supplies in the state should be required to be fluoridated where feasible.

That is what they put in there, "where feasible."

The decision, due in a few weeks—On the city of Lebanon—is expected to have far-reaching effects on an appeal by the City of Lebanon of a Department of Environmental Resources ruling that the city cannot defluoridate its water supply.

What happened is that they had elected 2 years ago to go into fluoridation, and almost immediately after that they ruled against it. But DER, through a rule with the Department of Health—

**QUESTION OF INFORMATION**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Vann. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. VANN. I rise to a question of information.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. VANN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if the leadership has agreed that the speech that is now being made on the floor is on the agenda and if it has been okayed by the leadership of both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes; it has been.

Mr. VANN. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ZELLER. This is very important to you people in regard to home rule, meaning this: Regardless of whether your feelings are for fluoridation or against it, I am not talking about that. I am talking about your right to decide. Your city or your township or your borough might elect to take an item out of your drinking water—such as a chemical for purposes other than having the water potable, suitable for drinking—but DER is telling you that you cannot do that. Can you imagine the power of this organization upon you as local officials having this right to decide?

That is the issue I want to bring before you. I will place the rest on the record for saving time.

I only want to alert you to this problem in the city of Lebanon. The fluoride has been in the water only a few months, and they turn around and say you cannot take it out because you do irreparable harm to the people who have been receiving it. Can you imagine the harm that is done to your right to decide? I just want to call this to your attention.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

Mr. ZELLER presented the following article for the Legislative Journal:

From State Court

Fluoridation Ruling  
Is Expected Soon

LEBANON—Commonwealth Court is expected to rule soon on whether all public municipal drinking water supplies in the state should be required to be fluoridated where feasible.

The decision, due in a few weeks, is expected to have far-reaching effects on an appeal by the City of Lebanon of a Department of Environmental Resources (DER) ruling that the city cannot defluoridate its water supply.

The ruling, made Jan. 3 by the DER Environmental Hearing Board, was brought before Commonwealth Court last week in an appeal filed by Samuel G. Weiss, Jr., city solicitor.

Thus, should the court rule that all public drinking water must, where feasible, be fluoridated, the decision would be a virtually insurmountable setback to the City of Lebanon's appeal, authorities here believe.

The only way the city then could win its case, would be to appeal the Commonwealth Court decision to a higher court, attorneys say.

On Dec. 3, Dr. H. William Gross, an Allentown dentist, brought his case for the massive state fluoridation before Commonwealth Court.

His attorney, John C. Youngman Jr. of Williamsport, argued that in light of a 1972 ruling that Williamsport must keep fluoride in its drinking water fluoridation should be made mandatory statewide.

He also cited DER's initial ruling in 1973, which barred Lebanon from removing fluoride from its water supply.

Youngman contended that the state Department of Health has said that fluoride is safe for public consumption so long as the fluoride does not exceed one part per million gallons of water.

Some 5.3 million persons in Pennsylvania now drink fluoridated water, he said, and argued that alternative methods of making fluoride available to the public, such as receiving treatments from dentists, are not as efficient or economical.

Norma D'Apolito, an attorney for the Pennsylvania Justice Department's litigation division, argued against the statewide fluoridation in representing the commonwealth.

**COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Ritter.

Mr. RITTER. Mr. Speaker, I posted a notice on the committee room door just a few minutes ago that the meeting of the Committee on Federal-State Relations that was scheduled for 3:30 has been canceled. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 10.

**URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Vann.

Mr. VANN. I would like to make a statement that the Urban Affairs Committee meeting that has been scheduled for 3:30 in the majority caucus room is still on, and immediately at the end of this session we will meet in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that the meeting of the Liquor Control Committee scheduled for tomorrow morning has been canceled.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Berson.

Mr. BERSON. I would like to announce that the meeting of the Judiciary Committee will take place in room 401 immediately following this session.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**RESOLUTION TO BE INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Hammock.

Mr. HAMMOCK. Mr. Speaker, I have a few remarks that I would like to address to the membership of the House and have entered into the record.

Mr. Speaker, I want to address my remarks briefly this afternoon to something that may be of sensitive nature to some of you. I remember when 2 years ago Mr. Rhodes introduced a similar thought—although not the same concept, but a similar thought—this House rejected that thought with some outcry of verbal display at that time. But I think we have come a long way since then, and I would like to put my remarks on the record for, I think, all of our benefit.

We, as was indicated some time ago, will be the legislature that will usher in the history of this country for the next 100 years. This legislature will be the legislature that will, in fact, be here in 1976 at the time of the 200th anniversary of the birth of this Nation.

Therefore, I think we have an obligation, Mr. Speaker, to do everything within our power to see that the future of the history of Pennsylvania is preserved for the benefit of the taxpayers and for the benefit of our children. That is why I introduce today this resolution in the House of Representatives. I would ask for your attention to hear the words and not merely to react to the thought.

WHEREAS, Two years ago, when the peace was negotiated in Southeast Asia, Americans felt relieved that the long, drawn-out war which drained their emotions and resources was finally drawing to a conclusion, although it now appears that the war in Southeast Asia has not been resolved;

I might say parenthetically that many of us welcomed those soldiers who came off those planes in front of those television cameras, our returning prisoners of war. We were all pleased to see them come. But at the same time many of us think about the hundreds of thousands of yet unreturned prisoners of war and those men missing in action.

The resolution continues:

WHEREAS, Two weeks ago, President Ford said that he would ask the Congress for an additional \$300 million in supplemental military aid for the Saigon government which was followed by a report from LeDucTho, the North Vietnamese leader who negotiated the cease-fire agreement, that South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu had "scrapped" the peace agreement and was escalating the war; and

WHEREAS, Recent reports from North Vietnam indicate that American aircraft carriers and warships have been sent to South Vietnamese territorial waters and troops stationed in Okinawa have been put on alert; and

WHEREAS, The continued granting of economic and military assistance and the positioning of military forces of the United States for possible use in Southeast Asia may again plunge the United States into war and impose financial and other burdens on the economy and citizens of this Commonwealth and the United States; and

WHEREAS, During the present state of the economy it is unreasonable to expect citizens of this Commonwealth to pay taxes which are directly or indirectly used to provide economic and military assistance to a foreign power when these taxes would provide for greater benefit by providing assistance and services to the citizens of this Commonwealth and thereby provide for the health and welfare of citizens and strengthening of the economy so vitally needed in this Commonwealth at this time of economic crisis; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation; or take such other appropriate action as may be necessary to prevent—

and I want to underscore again "to prevent"—increased military and economic assistance to countries involved in the war in Southeast Asia and to prevent the use of military forces of the United States to aid such countries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the presiding officers of each House of the Congress of the United States and to each Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### REQUEST TO CALL UP HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 17

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call up for a vote House resolution No. 17, printer's No. 194. But prior to the vote, because certain members have not had an opportunity to have their names added to this resolution as sponsors—and there have been at least three members who have asked that they do so; now I see four or five—would the Chair please recognize those members who wish to have their names added as sponsors to House resolution No. 17, and we will have their names printed on the resolution prior to its final printing.

Mr. Speaker, if you will recognize the members individually, I will move to suspend the rules so as to add their names.

### RULES SUSPENDED TO ADD SPONSORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the motion to suspend the rules, all in favor say "aye"; opposed, "no."

The "ayes" have it. The rules are suspended.

### RULES SUSPENDED TO ADD SPONSORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended to permit additions of sponsors on the following resolution:

House resolution No. 17—Messrs. Renninger, Dietz, Shuman, Petrarca, Fryer, DiCarlo, Hopkins, Noye, Johnson, W. D. Hutchinson, Giammarco, Davies, Wright, Burns, Weidner, Gallen, Tayoun, Rappaport, Pyles, Garzia, Zwickl, McLane, Musto, Shupnik, Anderson, Milliron, W. W. Foster, Scheaffer, Laughlin, George, Schmitt, Fee, Manderino, Irvis, Sullivan, Novak, Green, Hasay, Moehlmann, Davis, Bradley, Spencer, Hepford, L. E. Smith, Perry, Wansacz, O'Connell, Reed, Turner, Levi, Cimini, Grieco, Wagner, Kusse, Berlin, Pratt, DeMedio, Kolter, Brunner, Westerberg, Bittle, Dorr, S. E. Hayes, WorriLOW, Lynch, DeVerter, W. W. Wilt, Dininni, Manniller, Miss Sirianni, Messrs. Vroon, E. H. Smith, Haskell, Kelly, Taddonio, Katz, Hamilton, Perri and Arthurs.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, would you recognize the minority leader? I think he is trying to straighten us out.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. BUTERA. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to have to rise on this kind of issue, but there has to be a recorded roll call. To suspend the rules there has to be a constitutional majority.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, if you will, please, when I saw the number of members who have arisen from their seats to be added, it might be easier if I were to ask for those people who wish their names to be added to simply bring them here to me or we will send a paper around and find them, and we will guarantee if you sign the paper that your names will appear.

### RULES SUSPENDED TO ADD SPONSORS

Mr. IRVIS. If that is acceptable, Mr. Speaker, I will

now move to suspend the rules so that I may add additional sponsors to House resolution No. 17 and ask for a roll-call vote on the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the motion to suspend the rules, those in favor will vote "aye"; those opposed, "no." The clerk will record the votes.

The yeas and nays were required by Messrs. IRVIS and MANDERINO and were as follows:

YEAS—179

Abraham	Geisler	McClatchy	Romanelli
Anderson, J. H.	George	McCue	Ruggiero
Arthurs	Giammarco	McGinnis	Ryan
Bellomini	Gillespie	McGraw	Saloom
Bennett	Gillette	McIntyre	Scheaffer
Beren	Gleason	McLane	Schmitt
Berlin	Gleeson	Mebus	Schweder
Berson	Goodman	Menhorn	Scirica
Bittle	Green	Miller, M. E.	Seltzer
Blackwell	Greenfield	Miller, M. E., Jr.	Shane
Bonetto	Grieco	Milliron	Shelhamer
Bradley	Gring	Miscevich	Shelton
Brunner	Halverson	Mochlmann	Shuman
Burns	Hamilton, J. H.	Morris	Shupnik
Butera	Hammock	Mrkonjic	Smith, E.
Caputo	Hasay	Mullen	Smith, L.
Cessar	Haskell	Mullen, M. P.	Spencer
Cimini	Hayes, D. S.	Musto	Stahl
Cohen	Hayes, S. E.	Myers	Stapleton
Cowell	Henford	Novak	Stout
Crawford	Hill	Noye	Sullivan
Cumberland	Hopkins	O'Brien	Taddonio
Davies	Hutchinson, W.	O'Connell	Taylor
Davis, D. M.	Irvin	O'Donnell	Tayoun
DeMedio	Jtkin	O'Keefe	Thomas
Deverter	Johnson, J.	Oliver	Toll
Dicarlo	Katz	Pancoast	Trello
Dietz	Kelly, A. P.	Parker, H. S.	Turner
Dininni	Kelly, J. B.	Perri	Vann
Dombrowski	Kernick	Perry	Wagner
Dorr	Kistler	Petrarca	Wansacz
Doyle	Klingaman	Pievsky	Weidner
Dreibelbis	Knepper	Pitts	Westerberg
Eckensberger	Kolter	Polite	Whelan
Engelhart	Kowalshyn	Pratt	Whittlesey
Fee	Kusse	Prendergast	Wilt, R. W.
Fischer	Laudadio	Pyles	Wilt, W. W.
Flaherty	Laughlin	Rappaport	Wojdak
Foster, A.	Lederer	Reed	Worritow
Foster, W.	Lehr	Renninger	Wright
Fryer	Levi	Renwick	Yahner
Gallagher	Lincoln	Rhodes	Zeller
Gallen	Lynch	Richardson	Zord
Garzia	Manmiller	Rieger	Zwilk
Geesey	McCall	Ritter	

NAYS—2

Vroon	Wilson
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NOT VOTING—22

Barber	Hutchinson, A.	Salvatore	Wargo
Brandt	LaMarca	Sirianni	Yohn
Cole	Letterman	Sweeney	Zearfoss
DiDonato	Manderino	Ustynoski	
Fawcett	Milanovich	Valicenti	Fineman
Fisher	Ross	Walsh, T. P.	Speaker

So the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Barber. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. BARBER. I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BARBER. My switch is locked. Please, I would like to be recorded as voting "yes" on the motion to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's comments will be noted.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Hammock. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. HAMMOCK. I rise to a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. HAMMOCK. I want to offer an amendment to House resolution No. 17. What would be the appropriate time for that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When the resolution is before the body for consideration will be the appropriate time to do that.

Mr. HAMMOCK. Thank you.

QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Susquehanna, Miss Sirianni. For what purpose does the lady rise?

Miss SIRIANNI. I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady will state it.

Miss SIRIANNI. My switch is not working. My voting switch is not working and I was not recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. How do you wish to vote?

Miss SIRIANNI. "Aye."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady's comments will be spread upon the record.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to state to you that my switch was locked.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. How do you wish to vote? How would you have voted, Mr. Ross?

Mr. ROSS. "Yes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's comments will be spread upon the record.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery, Mrs. Fawcett.

Mrs. FAWCETT. I was not recorded on the roll-call vote. Please record me as "aye."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady's remarks will be spread upon the record.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Mr. Letterman.

Mr. LETTERMAN. I was not recorded either. I would like to be recorded in the affirmative, please, on the suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 17 CALLED UP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I call up House resolution No. 17, printer's No. 194.

I understand the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Hammock, wishes to offer an amendment. May I have the attention of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Before the majority leader proceeds, will you permit the clerk to read the resolution?

## CALENDAR

### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 17 ADOPTED

Mr. IRVIS called up **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 17, printer's No. 194**, entitled:

House urging agreement with Paid Prescription Incorporated be delayed for 60 days in order to further study effect with pharmacists and Secretary of Welfare.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I call for a vote on House resolution No. 17, printer's No. 194, and yield the floor to the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Hammock, who wishes to make a statement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Hammock.

Mr. HAMMOCK. Mr. Speaker, I will not officially offer an amendment to House resolution No. 17, which calls for a 60-day delay before there is an agreement entered into with Paid Prescription Incorporated.

The subject of my amendment would have been that during that 60-day period of time that the Health and Welfare Committee, Subcommittee on Welfare, have an opportunity to look into extensively and investigate Paid Prescription Incorporated. I think there are a great many members of this House who would like to know more about that, what our contractual agreements are going to be vis-a-vis the state and the Department of Welfare. I think that during that 60-day period of time the Subcommittee on Welfare ought to have the opportunity to fully investigate what this contract is all about.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, will you recognize the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. Englehart?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. Englehart.

Mr. ENGLEHART. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly concur with the suggestion of the gentleman from Philadelphia that the Health and Welfare Subcommittee consider and investigate this contract. I have a copy of it in front of me which I will be glad to give to the gentleman right after the session is over, which will be the beginning of the investigation.

I just want to say very briefly that effective February 1 welfare recipients now receive drugs under a new contract between the state and a California-based outfit called "Paid Prescription Inc."

I understand that there are almost no independent pharmacists in the state who are willing to execute the contract with Paid Prescription, and, therefore, if something is not done rather quickly, welfare recipients are not going to be able to get prescription drugs which they are entitled to from most independent pharmacists. I, frankly, am a little leery of a contract which apparent-

ly has been found acceptable by the large chain drug houses but apparently is not acceptable to the independent pharmacists.

It might be said that the Secretary of Welfare does not have the right to hold back implementation of this contract for 60 days. I would refer his attention to Article VI, addendum 2, of the contract with Paid Prescription where it specifies that Paid Prescription was to be given the right to determine what prices would be paid to the pharmacists, but that that approval of the Secretary himself must be had for those prices. It seems to me all he has to do is withdraw that approval for the 60-day period so that all of us can find out what this is all about. I, therefore, urge the adoption of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Mr. Stahl.

Mr. STAHL. I would like to also add my concurrence to what Mr. Englehart and Mr. Hammock had to say.

In the city of Reading, a firm by the name of Quaker Business Associates does work similar to that which is going to be taken over by Paid Prescription. Yet to date—at least as of last Friday—they had not yet been notified that their contract for doing the computer work was going to be canceled. All they have found out is that there have been rumors in the newspapers and the rumors that we have all heard.

In my district there are going to be 35 people unemployed who do this computer work, and in Schuylkill County there are going to be an additional 35 people unemployed. And they have not yet had any official word from the Department of Welfare that their contract is being terminated.

I think that the Welfare Subcommittee, of which I am a member, should investigate this data as it affects not only the pharmacists and the welfare recipients but as it affects the general community as well.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Dorr.

Mr. DORR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise one additional point, also for the attention of the members of the General Assembly. The members of the General Assembly may be interested in reading the article published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin which gave notice of the regulations under which this contract is supposed to have been adopted by the Department of Welfare.

You will all recall the General Assembly passing and being signed into law the so-called Commonwealth documents law which requires prior notice of regulations to be adopted by departments in this state government.

There are exceptions to that rule requiring notice, and one of them is, as I recall the language where the matter is one which would make the publication prior to adoption impracticable or where it would be contrary to public interest.

I suggest to you that the regulations adopted in this case, supposedly under the exception to the Commonwealth documents law, are adopted by the Department of Welfare simply as a matter of convenience to the department, and, in my mind, clearly violate the intent of this legislature in adopting the documents law requiring notice.

I would urge the subcommittee which is looking into this matter to also spend some time in inquiring into whether or not the intent of this legislature was violated



by the late publication of the regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Beren.

Mr. BEREN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wonder if the chief sponsor of this resolution, Mr. Englehart, would answer a question or two under interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman, Mr. Englehart, consent to interrogation?

Mr. ENGLEHART. I will, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BEREN. Mr. Speaker, while I fully concur in what you are attempting to do here, I do have a question as to what the effect of this will be. That question very simply is: What effect in law will a resolution of the House of Representatives have on tying up the implementation of this contract?

Mr. ENGLEHART. Mr. Speaker, the resolution itself has no legal binding effect on the Secretary of Welfare.

I chose the resolution route because the contract was effective last Saturday. It would take us at least 2 weeks to get a statute passed, even if we had it drafted.

I am hoping that we will get an overwhelming vote in favor of this resolution and that the Secretary can read the numbers and be aware of the fact that the members in this House are going to be responsible for future appropriations. Perhaps he can get the message and do what we ask.

Mr. BEREN. So that your feeling, as you expressed it, Mr. Speaker, is that while this has no effect on law, you feel that it may have some persuasive value with the Secretary?

Mr. ENGLEHART. I certainly hope so. I tried myself and failed, and I am trying to get 202 more voices to go with mine.

Mr. BEREN. Do you have any other inclination that the Secretary may respond to this message which you intend to send to him?

Mr. ENGLEHART. No; I have had no indication. I have not even conversed with him since a week ago when I asked him to delay it. He said, "No." So I have not talked to him since.

Mr. BEREN. Would you think that if, after this resolution passes, there is no action by the Secretary, that perhaps either some legislation or a concurrent resolution by both parties might be the answer to this problem?

Mr. ENGLEHART. Mr. Speaker, I have been told that the Senate is considering a resolution similar to this one, just a resolution of the Senate. That, too, would reach the Secretary's desk, if it passes. And then the gentleman is correct, if this fails our next step would have to be appropriate legislation.

Mr. BEREN. I thank the gentleman.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Messrs. IRVIS and ENGLEHART and were as follows:

YEAS—194

Abraham	Geisler	McClatchy	Ruggiero
Anderson, J. H.	George	McCue	Ryan
Arthurs	Giammarco	McGinnis	Saloom
Barber	Gillespie	McGraw	Salvatore
Bellomint	Gillette	McIntyre	Scheaffer

Bennett	Gleason	McLane	Schmitt
Beren	Gleeson	Mebus	Schweder
Berlin	Goodman	Menhorn	Scirica
Berson	Green	Milanovich	Seltzer
Bittle	Greenfield	Miller, M. E.	Shane
Blackwell	Grieco	Miller, M. E., Jr.	Shelhamer
Bonetto	Gring	Milliron	Shelton
Bradley	Halverson	Miscevich	Shuman
Brandt	Hamilton, J. H.	Moehlmann	Shupnik
Brunner	Hammock	Morris	Sirianni
Burns	Hasay	Mrkoncic	Smith, E.
Butera	Haskell	Mullen, M. P.	Smith, L.
Caputo	Hayes, D. S.	Mullen	Spencer
Cessar	Hayes, S. E.	Musto	Stahl
Cimini	Hepford	Myers	Stapleton
Cohen	Hill	Novak	Sullivan
Cowell	Hopkins	Noye	Taddonio
Crawford	Hutchinson, A.	O'Brien	Taylor
Cumberland	Hutchinson, W.	O'Connell	Tayoun
Davies	Irvis	O'Donnell	Thomas
Davis, D. M.	Itkin	O'Keefe	Toll
DeMedio	Johnson, J.	Oliver	Trello
Deverter	Katz	Pancoast	Turner
Dicarlo	Kelly, A. P.	Parker, H. S.	Valicenti
DiDonato	Kelly, J. B.	Perri	Vann
Dietz	Kernick	Perry	Vroon
Dininni	Kistler	Petrarca	Wagner
Dombrowski	Klingaman	Pievsky	Wansacz
Dorr	Knepper	Pitts	Weidner
Doyle	Kolter	Polite	Westerberg
Dreibelbis	Kowalyszyn	Pratt	Whelan
Eckensberger	Kusse	Prendergast	Whittlesey
Englehart	LaMarca	Pyles	Wilson
Fawcett	Laudadlo	Rappaport	Wilt, R. W.
Fee	Laughlin	Reed	Wilt, W. W.
Fisher	Lederer	Renninger	Wojdak
Flaherty	Lehr	Renwick	Worrlow
Foster, A.	Letterman	Rhodes	Wright
Foster, W.	Levi	Richardson	Yahner
Fryer	Lincoln	Rieger	Zearfoss
Gallagher	Lynch	Ritter	Zeller
Gallen	Manderino	Romanelli	Zord
Garzia	Manmiller	Ross	Zwikt
Geesey	McCall		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—9

Cole	Sweeney	Wargo	Fineman
Fischer	Ustynski	Yohn	Speaker
Stout	Walsh, T. P.		

So the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE BILL No. 182 REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, on reports, because this is the first time we have followed this procedure, I would suggest that the members follow it very carefully.

If you will look at your calendar, you will find a heading there, "Bill Reported and Considered First Time and Tabled."

Mr. Speaker, the report of the Rules Committee having appeared in front of each member for House bill No. 182, printer's No. 203, I hereby move to remove House bill No. 182, printer's No. 203, from the table and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It has been moved by the majority leader, pursuant to a written report of the Committee on Rules, a copy of which has been distributed to each member, that House bill No. 182, printer's No. 203, be removed from the table and placed on the calendar.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Itkin. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. ITKIN. I rise to offer an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. To what?

Mr. ITKIN. To House bill No. 182, printer's No. 203.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, the system is apparently not only brand new but it is rusty already.

The gentleman's amendment is premature. The amendment may be offered as soon as the bill is off the table, in print, and on the calendar, and that will be tomorrow.

All that is done now is that the bill is lifted from the table; it is read on first consideration; it will appear in print on the calendar tomorrow on second consideration and then be available for any amendatory process.

Mr. ITKIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill is removed from the table and placed on the calendar.

#### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Wojdak.

Mr. WOJDAK. Mr. Speaker, would all members of the Appropriations Committee please proceed to the Appropriations Committee room?

#### URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Vann.

Mr. VANN. Mr. Speaker, will all members of the Urban Affairs Committee please proceed to the majority caucus room?

#### SENATE MESSAGE

##### SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

##### TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

In the Senate, February 3, 1975

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 10, 1975, and when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 10, 1975.

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.

#### CITATIONS TO BE PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Wright.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I have, up at the desk, two congratulatory resolutions, one for George Reich and one for William Gallagher.

I have Mr. Irvis' permission to move those congratulatory resolutions today. If they could be read across the desk, I would appreciate it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct.

Following the reading of the congratulatory resolutions, I would like to have the House recess, subject to reports of committees, and I think the recess ought to be until 5:30. Is 5:30 acceptable to the Chair? I think there will be no need to keep the desk open beyond 5:30. I think any committee which wishes to report will have time to do so.

I would ask that you take your seats until the minority whip makes his statement. He did ask for the opportunity.

Following that, we will ask for a recess, at which time the Democrats will report to the caucus room to continue the discussion on the rules.

Will the Chair please, following the congratulatory resolution—I think there is only one—recognize Mr. Ryan.

#### BUSINESS AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. I yield to Mr. Bennett, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. BENNETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there was some question earlier today as to committee meetings for tomorrow. This is to serve notice that the Business and Commerce Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3:30.

For the edification of the members, one of the things we intend to discuss at the meeting is the housing problem in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In order to do that, we will have with us, to talk with the members, Mr. Charles Bacas, who is the executive assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.

Mr. RYAN. Prior to making my statement, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the majority leader would advise the House as to whether or not it is necessary for the members to report back to the floor at 5:30, or is it only to receive reports of the committees?

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, it is not necessary—repeat, it is not necessary—for the members to report back to the floor. We are keeping the desk open solely so that we do not goof up the way I did yesterday and foreclose a chairman from reporting a bill out. There is no need for the members to come back on the floor.

The caucus of the Democrats will follow immediately after Mr. Ryan's statement.

Tomorrow we reconvene at 1 o'clock, I believe.

#### NO REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, again, initially for the bene-

fit of the members on the Republican side, there will be no caucus today; there will be no further action on the Republican side today.

### REMARKS DEFERRED

Mr. RYAN. My own remarks, Mr. Speaker, I will reserve until tomorrow at such time when we have better attendance in the House. The subject of my remarks, however, I would like to put on the record today so that there is no misunderstanding as to the importance that I place upon the subject.

The Governor, during the last session of the legislature, vetoed a bill that would have created the Delaware River navigation commission. It is our feeling—and we will have more to say on it tomorrow—that had the Governor not vetoed that particular bill, it may very well be that we would be in a position today to discover exactly what took place in Marcus Hook last week when 25 lives presumably were lost in the tanker explosion that took place on the outskirts of the city of Chester and what this Navigation Commission could, perhaps, have done to prevent such a thing.

Other remarks will be in the same general area of safety on the Delaware River and the need for the navigation commission bill to be reintroduced, to have the same amount of support it had last year, and to urge the Governor to support it this year as opposed to vetoing it.

Mr. McGinnis, from Montgomery County, the primary sponsor of that bill last year, will address this subject tomorrow. I would respectfully request of the Speaker that he be recognized at a time when the full membership of the House is present on the floor of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### QUESTION OF INFORMATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Zeller. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. ZELLER. I rise to a question of information.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. ZELLER. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the members and for future reference, have we set a precedent today in regard to the handling of House bill No. 182 by the voice vote? According to the rules, is this a precedent set now that this is the way we are going to handle it in the future? If it is, we are going to be in some trouble.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Actually, it was a voice vote just to remove it from the table. That is all that it was.

Mr. ZELLER. I realize that, Mr. Speaker, but it could happen on many, many, many bills in the future.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I want to apologize to the gentleman from Erie, Mr. DiCarlo. I totally forgot that he has been waiting patiently. Would the Chair please recognize Mr. DiCarlo before recessing the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Mr. DiCarlo.

Mr. DiCARLO. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a reso-

lution to investigate the present costs of health care, particularly malpractice insurance in Pennsylvania.

Because we have our caucus waiting and we have the important rules' changes in front of us, I would like to have my remarks spread upon the record at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Estimates are that health care costs have increased at twice the rate of inflation during the past 10 years. There are two significant factors contributing to these escalating costs.

First, malpractice liability has risen 950 percent for surgeons and 540 percent for other doctors over the past decade. Premiums for low-risk professions, such as psychiatry, run as much as \$650 a year, whereas premiums for a neurosurgeon or anesthesiologist can go to \$14,000 a year. Obviously, the money for these substantial increases has to come from somewhere; that is, out of the consumer's pocketbook.

Second, health care costs are inflated in part because physicians are practicing "defensive medicine." Defensive medicine is the use of procedures that are frequently unnecessary but are prescribed in order that physicians protect themselves against the possibility of malpractice suits. This ultimately places excessive demands on health care providers and increases the cost to consumers.

If we look at the results on health care delivery brought about by defensive medicine, we find:

1. More of a demand being made on diagnostic services at area laboratories, hospitals, or clinics. This can lead to an eventual increase in higher health insurance premiums for the individual.

2. Medical personnel are tied up doing extra tests and X-rays when they could be used elsewhere in the hospital or clinic tending to emergency room cases or bed patient care.

3. Extensive use of facilities for additional tests also drives up hospital costs and increases demand for additional staff. Again, the consumer pays.

Health care delivery is plagued by many problems. This one is severe enough to warrant comprehensive investigation. Therefore, I am introducing a resolution calling on the House of Representatives to appoint a seven-member bipartisan committee to delve into the area of malpractice insurance rates and investigate their effects on escalating health care costs and offer remedial legislation in areas that need attention.

I am urging this House to act promptly before Pennsylvania is confronted with a crisis similar to that in many other states throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, we must care about Pennsylvania's health needs. We cannot be negligent nor lax nor apathetic. We are dealing with human lives.

### CITATIONS

The following citations were read, considered and adopted:

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston "Gus" Cannon, founder and president of Cannon Laboratories, Inc., will receive the

annual achievement award from Black Enterprise magazine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston "Gus" Cannon richly deserves this fine honor recognizing his outstanding research on the effect of cyclamates on rats and his contribution to our knowledge of the cause of birth defects; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston "Gus" Cannon, a well respected member of the National Academy of Science and the Mutagen Society, has overseen the growth of Cannon Laboratories, Inc., from a struggling company to its present position as the only black owned toxicology and medical research center in the United States, with an international clientele and a growth sales of over one million dollars.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Dr. Gaston "Gus" Cannon on his receipt of the annual achievement award given by Black Enterprise magazine and thanks this fine scientist for his many contributions to the Commonwealth and its citizens;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Dr. Gaston Cannon, 425 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, Pennsylvania 19551.

JOHN S. DAVIES

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, William Gallagher, fifteen, has earned the Eagle award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher of Levittown and is a member of Troop No. 124. He is a sophomore at Bishop Egan High School.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, congratulates William Gallagher on the occasion of his being honored with the Eagle Scout Award, commends him on the outstanding work he has done to earn this coveted honor, and wishes him continued success in the future;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to William Gallagher, 29 Cobalt Cross Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057.

JAMES J. WRIGHT, JR.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, George Reich, seventeen, has earned the Eagle award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Reich of Levittown and is a member of Troop No. 124. He is a senior at Bishop Egan High School.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, congratulates George Reich on the occasion of his being honored with the Eagle Scout Award, commends him on the outstanding work he has done to earn this coveted honor, and wishes him continued success in the future;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to George Reich, 37 Quarter Turn Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057.

JAMES J. WRIGHT, JR.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Heindel celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by one son, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. Mrs. Heindel, nee Helen Snyder, and Mr. Heindel were married December 27, 1924 in Jefferson Lutheran Parish parsonage.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Heindel on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Heindel, R. D. 2, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania 17360.

A. CARVILLE FOSTER, JR.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, The Reverend David Johansson recently retired as assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend David Johansson has previously served his faith and his country as an Army Chaplain, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1970 with over twenty years of noteworthy military service; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend David Johansson will continue to be both an example for and a source of inspiration to his many friends and admirers in the Pottsville area, all of whom deeply respect this fine clergyman.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its warmest congratulations to the Reverend David Johansson upon the occasion of his retirement as assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville and thanks Reverend Johansson for his many contributions to his congregation, his community and to the United States;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to The Reverend David Johansson, 333 North Ninth Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.

WILLIAM D. HUTCHINSON

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Reverend Maynard C. Hallock, D.D., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville, recently observed the fortieth anniversary of his ordination; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Maynard C. Hallock, D.D., has established an outstanding record both as a clergyman and as a civic leader in the forty years since his ordination on January 31, 1934 by the late Dr. E. P. Pfatfeicher at St. John's Church in Honesdale; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Maynard C. Hallock, D.D., during his twenty years as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, has introduced such innovative programs as a three year format for catechetical instruction and weekend camp retreats for confirmands, and has overseen the growth and renovation of the church and its facilities.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its congratulations to Reverend Maynard C. Hallock, D.D., on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination and commends this fine Pennsylvanian on his many years of service to his faith, his congregation and his community;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Reverend Maynard C. Hallock, D.D., 301 North Second Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.

WILLIAM D. HUTCHINSON

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Reverend Nevin Gearhart, of Pottsville recently marked the fortieth anniversary of his ordination into the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nevin Gearhart, upon his graduation from Mount Airy Theological Seminary in 1933 and his ordination in June of 1934, began a career that has been marked by a rich devotion to his faith and to his congregation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nevin Gearhart has served as associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church since 1974 and has graced this position with the compassion and understanding born of his many years of experience.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pauses in its deliberations and extends its heartiest congratulations to Reverend Nevin Gearhart of Pottsville on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination and wishes him many more years of service and happiness in his life's work;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Reverend Nevin Gearhart, 1730 West Market Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.

WILLIAM D. HUTCHINSON

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Howard Fernsler of Pottsville will be awarded the B'nai B'rith Americanism and Civic Affairs Award of 1974 on February 8, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Howard Fernsler, richly deserves this award which recognizes his contributions to the community and civic affairs as a member of the Pottsville Area School Board; and

WHEREAS, Howard Fernsler, has further distinguished himself by his exemplary efforts in numerous other civic or community groups, including the Pottsville Area Free Library, the Schuylkill County Historical Society, and the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its heartiest congratulations to Howard Fernsler of Pottsville on being awarded the B'nai B'rith Americanism and Civic Affairs Award of 1974 and thanks this fine Pennsylvanian for his tremendous contributions to his community and the Commonwealth;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Howard Fernsler, 1320 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.

WILLIAM D. HUTCHINSON

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Donald Arthur "Doc" Kuntz prominent Girard resident was selected to be the recipient of the Northwest Jaycees "Distinguished Service Award" for excelling in service to his community; and

WHEREAS, He is a guidance counselor at Chestnut Elementary School; served on Girard Borough Council; member executive board of the Erie County Boroughs Association; member Girard School District Building Authority; member Girard Citizens Advisory Committee; Boy Scout committeeman for Lake City Troop No. 53; committee chairman of Girard High School Band Boosters; charter member and first president of the Northwest Jaycees; served on the Girard Recreation Board; and directed the choir at Girard First Presbyterian Church for six years.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Donald Arthur "Doc" Kuntz on having been selected to be the recipient of the Northwest Jaycees "Distinguished Service Award" and expresses good wishes in future endeavors;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Donald A. "Doc" Kuntz, 1035 Lake Street, Girard, Pennsylvania 16417.

DAVID S. HAYES

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Cpl. Thomas Evans Noble of the Pennsylvania State Police, was selected to be the recipient of the "Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award" made by the Northwest Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the award is to give community-wide recognition to the year's outstanding young law enforcement officer who, through his own resources, has achieved success and leadership in his profession and in civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, Cpl. Thomas Evans Noble is married, with two children, served in the United States Army and is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Cpl. Thomas Evans Noble on having been selected to be the recipient of the "Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award" by the Northwest Jaycees and expresses good wishes in future endeavors;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Cpl. Thomas Evans Noble, R. D. 2, Girard, Pennsylvania 16417.

DAVID S. HAYES

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Russell Wood of Girard was recently honor-

ed at a luncheon noting his retirement as Financial Aid Accountant of Edinboro State College; and

WHEREAS, Russell Wood, throughout his adult life, has displayed outstanding talents in two important fields, education and photography. Mr. Wood served many years as a teacher in Beaver County and in Girard and was instrumental in developing programs that allowed young people to express themselves through music and photography. The winner of several Kodak newspaper contest awards, Mr. Wood has found photography to be a deeply rewarding personal endeavor, and his work displays both the talent and effort that marks the true artist.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes and congratulates Russell Wood of Girard on his recent retirement as Financial Aid Accountant at Edinboro State College, thanks this fine Pennsylvanian for his tremendous efforts in the field of education, and expresses its sincerest hope that the future will allow Mr. Wood to make many more contributions to the art of photography;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Russell Wood, 204 Penn Avenue, Girard, Pennsylvania 16417.

DAVID S. HAYES

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathleen P. Hetzel of Trevoise was recently honored as Woman of the Year by the Feasterville Businessmen's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathleen P. Hetzel richly deserves this award recognizing her exemplary efforts as librarian at the Lower Southampton Township Library and as secretary of Lower Southampton Township's Library Board. Mrs. Hetzel's leadership has resulted in the institution of such innovative programs as the memorial book program, a children's story hour, a shut-in service for senior citizens, and evening hours for students and working people. These attempts to make the library's facilities available to more users have resulted in an enviable growth in the library's membership, volumes, and circulation.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its congratulations to Mrs. Kathleen P. Hetzel of Trevoise on being named Woman of the Year by the Feasterville Businessmen's Association and offers its deepest thanks for her noteworthy contribution to her community, Bucks County, and the Commonwealth;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mrs. Kathleen P. Hetzel, 407 East Street Road, Trevoise, Pennsylvania 19047.

EDWARD F. BURNS, JR.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kepko celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by three children, fifteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. Mrs. Kepko, nee Mary Gilberry, and Mr. Kepko were married January 27, 1925 in St. Michael's Church in Lansford.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kepko on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to John J. Kepko, 263 East Ridge Street, Coaldale, Pennsylvania 18218.

WILLIAM K. KLINGAMAN, SR.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ott Sr., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary recently. Their happy

union has been blessed by two children, and two grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. Mrs. Ott, nee Mary Lou Cumberledge, and Mr. Ott were married January 4, 1959 in the Broad Street Baptist Church of Washington.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ott, Sr., on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ott, Sr., 170 Greenhill Drive, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301.

ROGER RAYMOND FISCHER

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Carl Walter Cantaral of Washington has been honored as a member of the High School All-Americans (HSAA); and

WHEREAS, Carl Walter Cantaral, a senior student at McGuffey High School, richly deserves this honor in recognition of his outstanding athletic record participating in football, baseball, tennis and wrestling; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walter Cantaral is respected and admired by his fellow students and his teachers as a fine student who has made outstanding contributions to his school.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Carl Walter Cantaral of Washington on being named a member of the High School All-Americans and wishes this fine young Pennsylvanian future success in his athletic career; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Carl Walter Cantaral, R. D. 6, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301.

ROGER RAYMOND FISCHER

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Brice Lilley of Claysville celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Lilley and Mrs. Lilley, nee Davis, were married on January 28, 1950 by Reverend John DeBolt at the West Alexander United Methodist Church. Their happy union has been blessed by three children and three grandchildren. These two fine people are highly respected by their friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brice Lilley of Claysville on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Brice Lilley, R. D. 3, Claysville, Pennsylvania 15323.

ROGER RAYMOND FISCHER

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Austing, Jr., of Washington celebrated their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Austing and the former Fern L. Springer were married on January 24, 1948 by the Reverend Stanley L. Weems in the Central Presbyterian Church at Dayton, Ohio. Their happy union has been blessed by three children and two grandchildren. These two fine people are highly respected by their friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Austing, Jr., of Washington on their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Austing, Jr., 276 Hazelwood Drive, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301.

ROGER RAYMOND FISCHER

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Center in Middletown, Delaware County, was recently awarded a "top rating" by the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Center in Middletown, Delaware County, was rightfully praised for its outstanding administration and program, its fine staff and its excellent facilities as the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Welfare correctly concluded that the Delaware County center was "very close to the ideal"; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare was especially laudatory of the coordination exhibited by Center Director, Gerald McCabe, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Paul E. Gesregan, and Delaware County President Judge John V. Diggins, in developing this tremendous facility.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its sincerest congratulations to the Juvenile Detention Center in Middletown, Delaware County on recently receiving a "top rating" from the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Welfare, and wishes the administration and staff of the Center future success in their work in this important field;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Juvenile Detention Center, Middletown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW J. RYAN  
THOMAS H. WORRILLO  
FRANK J. LYNCH  
HERBERT K. ZEARFOSS  
FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
JOSEPH TED DOYLE  
RALPH A. GARZIA  
PETER J. O'KEEFE  
PATRICK B. GILLESPIE  
THOMAS J. STAPLETON, JR.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fatula celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by thirteen children, twenty-eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Fatula and the former Mary Rose Spisak were married on January 26, 1915, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church by the late Reverend John Martvon. These two fine people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fatula on their sixtieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fatula, 18 D Street Extension, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15906.

PATRICK A. GLEASON

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, William M. Hanley of Connellsville has established an outstanding record as an educator and school administrator; and

WHEREAS, William M. Hanley began his career in education at the Newell Elementary School, and has ably served in numerous supervisory positions, including terms of service as Superintendent of the Albert Gallatin Area School District and as Assistant County Superintendent for the Fayette County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, William M. Hanley currently serves the Connellsville Area School District as Assistant Superin-

tendent, a position he has graced with outstanding ability and skill since 1970.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its warmest congratulations and deepest thanks to William M. Hanley of Connellsville for his outstanding service as an educator and school administrator and for his many noteworthy contributions to the Commonwealth and his community; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to William M. Hanley, Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425.

J. WILLIAM LINCOLN

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maria Rosario of Plumsteadville, will celebrate the occasion of her one hundred twenty-third birthday on February 6, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maria Rosario, a respected member of the Bucks County Seventh-day Adventist Church, attributes her long life to "faith in God". She will be honored at a worship service to be held on Saturday, February 8, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maria Rosario is an outstanding citizen who represents the finest in American life and who is held in the highest esteem by all her friends and acquaintances.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania heartily congratulates Mrs. Maria Rosario of Plumsteadville on the occasion of her one hundred twenty-third birthday and wishes this fine woman the best of health and further appreciation from all who have come to know and therefore respect her;

and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Mrs. Maria Rosario, Plumsteadville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania 18949.

BENJAMIN H. WILSON

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Joseph H. Harkleroad of Westover is participating in the unique Public Affairs Leadership Program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Joseph H. Harkleroad, by his participation in this program, demonstrates the energy and interest in public affairs so important in the potential leaders of the Commonwealth's future.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes and congratulates Joseph H. Harkleroad of Westover on his participation in the Public Affairs Leadership Program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and wishes this fine Pennsylvanian many years of future service to his community and the Commonwealth; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Joseph H. Harkleroad, Westover, Pennsylvania 16692.

CAMILLE GEORGE

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, James J. Grippo of Clearfield is participating in the innovative Public Affairs Leadership Program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation; and

WHEREAS, James J. Grippo of Clearfield has demonstrated the talent, leadership, and concern for public affairs which the Public Affairs Leadership Program seeks to develop and refine in the Commonwealth's future leaders.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes and congratulates James J. Grippo of Clearfield on his participation in the Public Affairs Leadership Program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State

University and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and wishes this fine Pennsylvanian many years of future service to his community and the Commonwealth; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to James J. Grippo, 715 Elk Avenue, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830.

CAMILLE GEORGE

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair now declares a recess until 5:30 p.m.

The Chair hears no objection. This House is now in recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (Max Pievsky) IN THE CHAIR

#### SENATE MESSAGE

##### BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented for concurrence bill numbered and entitled as follows:

##### SENATE BILL No. 30

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333, No. 320), entitled "Pennsylvania Election Code," adding additional provisions relating to candidates' affidavits, revising the number of signatures required on nomination petitions, eliminating filing fees, and imposing certain duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and county boards of elections in connection therewith.

Referred to Committee on Rules.

#### BILLS REPORTED AND CONSIDERED FIRST TIME AND TABLED

##### HOUSE BILL No. 4

By Mr. VANN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the regulation of firearms by cities of the first class.

Reported from Committee on Urban Affairs.

##### HOUSE BILL No. 57

By Mr. WOJDAK

An Act making an appropriation to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred in attending a conference for new members.

Reported from Committee on Appropriations.

##### HOUSE BILL No. 181

By Mr. WOJDAK

An Act amending "The General Appropriation Act of 1974," approved June 26, 1974 (No. 21-A), providing for a deficiency in the appropriation to the Department of Justice.

Reported from Committee on Appropriations.

**BILL REPORTED AS AMENDED AND  
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME AND TABLED****HOUSE BILL No. 189**

By Mr. WOJDAK

An Act amending "The General Appropriation Act of 1974," approved June 26, 1974 (No. 21-A), making deficiency appropriations for incidental expenses and Legislative printing and expenses of the House of Representatives, for the House Special Leadership Account (R), and for the House Special Leadership Account (D).

Reported from Committee on Appropriations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. GARZIA moved that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 5, 1975, at 1 p.m., e.s.t.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and (at 5:33 p.m., e.s.t.) the House adjourned.