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The House convened at 11:30 a.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER (Herbert Fineman) 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:

To Thee, O God, be honor, glory, and praise. We thank Thee for the evidences of Thy bounty which Thou hast so generously shared with each of us. We express our gratitude for the assurance of Thy indwelling presence and the motivation and guidance which is Thine to give. We give Thee thanks for the benediction of Thy eternal peace and the security and serenity we feel because of Thy hand upon us and Thy care and concern for each of us. Now, we pray that Thou wilt keep these stewards of Thine in the hollow of Thy hand, guard them against the temptations and allurements of the world, and grant to each one Thy willingness and readiness to guide them in the ways of peace and righteousness. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, I request leaves of absence for Mr. DOYLE for the week's session, and for Mr. YAHNER for today's session.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Mr. Hayes.

Mr. S. E. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I request leaves of absence for Messrs. D. S. HAYES and WAGNER for today's session, and for Mr. McCLATCHY for the week's session.

Mr. Speaker, we have been notified that there are some of our members unable to arrive at this hour because of inclement weather in their districts and I would ask if it would be possible to submit their names on the next regularly scheduled session?

The SPEAKER. The Chair will endeavor to take an additional roll call at 4 p.m., so that those members who have not gotten on this morning's roll call can be recorded this afternoon.

Mr. S. E. HAYES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal for Tuesday, January 4, 1977, will be postponed until printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPEAKER. By way of getting this session off on the right foot, the Chair would like to announce for the benefit and the information of the members that the gentleman, Mr. Wansacz, has had a new tax deduction added in his home. His wife has given birth to a baby girl, and the Chair extends felicitations to the gentleman, Mr. Wansacz.

If you want to say something, now is the time, John, or forever hold your peace.

Mr. WANSACZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was delighted to have a little baby girl. The interesting part about it is that I was really thrilled because at the time I was married I was a member of the House and when my three children were born, I was still a member of the House. I hope the prosperity continues, because I could not think of a finer body that I would like to serve with. Thank you, very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. Mebus.

Mr. MEBUS. Mr. Speaker, may I offer condolences to the gentleman that he did not plan this a little more accurately so that it could have been 18 days earlier. Then it would have really counted.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Wansacz.

Mr. WANSACZ. I tried it for Russian New Year's Eve and I made it. I could not make the tax deduction the other way, so I have to get in touch with the Internal Revenue and tell them I go by the Julian Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPEAKER. In connection with the symposium that is beginning today, buses will be available at 1 o'clock in the rear of the Capitol on the parking lot. If anyone is in need of a ticket for the dinner this evening, they will see either Mr. Parker or Mr. Ritter. Arrangements will be made to accommodate the dinner requests.

ADOPTION OF PORTIONS OF RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION

By Messrs. IRVIS and MANDERINO

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 10

In the House of Representatives,

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby adopts the following rules as the rules of this House for the session beginning January 4, 1977, superseding any other rules heretofore adopted:

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULE 18

Introduction and Printing of Bills

Bills shall be introduced in quadruplicate, signed and dated by each member who is a sponsor of the bill, and filed with the Chief Clerk. A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a bill has been printed.

Bills introduced when received at the Chief Clerk's desk shall be numbered consecutively and delivered to the Speaker, who shall refer each bill to an appropriate committee. The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which bills have been referred, either on the day introduced or received or on the next two legislative days the House is in session.

If the Speaker neglects or refuses to refer to committee any bill or bills (whether House or Senate) as above after introduction or presentation by the Senate for concurrence, any member may move for the reference of the bill to an appropriate committee. If the motion is carried, said bill or bills shall be immediately surrendered by the Speaker to the committee designated in said motion.

The first copy of each bill introduced shall be for the committee, the second copy shall be for the printer, the third copy shall be for the news media and the fourth copy shall be for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Every bill, after introduction and reference to committee, shall be printed.

Bills may not be withdrawn after reference to committee.

RULE 22

First Consideration Bills

Bills reported from committees shall be considered for the first time when reported and shall then be automatically removed from the calendar and laid on the table, except House bills reported from committees after the first Monday in June until the first Monday in September which shall then be automatically recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

After the first Monday in September, any bill which was automatically recommitted to the Committee on Rules pursuant to this Rule 22 shall automatically be re-reported to the floor of the House and laid on the table.

The Rules Committee shall not in any instance have the power to amend a bill that has already gone through another committee.

Any bill which was automatically laid on the table pursuant to this Rule 22 and has remained on the table for fifteen legislative days shall automatically be removed from the table and returned to the calendar for second consideration the next legislative day.

Any bill which was automatically laid on the table pursuant to this Rule 22 may be removed from the table by motion of the Majority Leader, or his designee, acting on a report of the Committee on Rules. Such report shall be in writing and a copy thereof distributed to each member. Any bill so removed from the table shall be placed on the second consideration calendar on the legislative day following such removal. Nothing herein shall affect the right of any member to make a motion to remove a bill from the table.

Amendments shall not be proposed, nor is any other motion in order on first consideration.

Bills shall not be considered beyond first consideration until the latest print thereof is on the desks of the members.

RULE 35

House and Concurrent Resolutions

Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk. After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker. A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has been printed.

Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference to a committee.

Unless privileged under this rule for immediate consideration, the Speaker shall refer House resolutions (except Discharge Resolutions) and Senate resolutions presented to the House for concurrence to appropriate committees.

The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which resolutions have been referred, either on the day introduced or received or the next two legislative days the House is in session.

A resolution introduced in the House and referred to committee shall be printed and placed in the House files.

When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of business of resolutions.

RULE 39

Petitions, Remonstrances and Memorials

Petitions, remonstrances, memorials and other papers presented by a member shall be signed, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk to be by him handed to the Speaker for reference to appropriate committees.

The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which petitions, remonstrances, memorials and other papers have been referred, not later than the next day the House is in session following the day of filing.

RULE 41

Kind and Rank of Committee

The Committees of the House shall be of four kinds and rank in the order named:

- Committee of the Whole House
- Standing Committees
- Select Committees
- Conference Committees

RULE 43

Standing Committees and Sub-Committees

The Committee on Committees shall consist of the Speaker and fifteen members of the House, ten of whom shall be members of the Majority Party and five of whom shall be members of the Minority Party, whose duty shall be to recommend to the House the names of members who are to serve on the Standing Committees of the House.

The Speaker shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Standing Committee when such Standing Committee has no Standing Sub-Committees as prescribed herein; when the Standing Committee has Standing Sub-Committees, the Speaker shall appoint a Sub-Committee Chairman for each Standing Sub-Committee. The Speaker shall appoint a secretary for each Standing Committee. The Minority Leader shall appoint the Minority Chairman and Minority Vice-Chairman of each Standing Committee and the Minority Sub-Committee Chairman for each Standing Sub-Committee.

The Speaker of the House, Floor Leader of the Majority Party and the Floor Leader of the Minority Party shall be ex-officio members of all Standing Committees, without the right to vote and they shall be excluded from any limitation as to the number of members on the Committees or in counting a quorum.

Twenty-one Standing Committees of the House, each to consist of twenty-three members except the Committee on Appropriations, which shall consist of twenty-nine members, are hereby created. In addition, there is hereby created twenty-eight Standing Sub-Committees.

All Standing Committees shall consist of fourteen members of the Majority Party and nine members of the Minority Party, except the Committee on Appropriations which shall consist of nineteen members of the Majority Party and ten members of the Minority Party. The quorum for each of the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees shall be no less than the majority of said Committees. The following are the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees thereof:

1. Agriculture
2. Appropriations
 - a. Sub-Committee on Health and Welfare
 - b. Sub-Committee on Education
 - c. Sub-Committee on Capital Budget
3. Business and Commerce
 - a. Sub-Committee on Banking and Savings and Loan Associations
 - b. Sub-Committee on Housing
 - c. Sub-Committee on Industrial Development, Recreation and Tourism
4. Conservation
5. Consumer Affairs
 - a. Sub-Committee on Public Utilities
6. Education
 - a. Sub-Committee on Basic Education
 - b. Sub-Committee on Higher Education
7. Federal-State Relations
8. Finance
9. Game and Fisheries
10. Health and Welfare
 - a. Sub-Committee on Health
 - b. Sub-Committee on Welfare
 - c. Sub-Committee on Youth and Aging
11. Insurance
12. Judiciary
 - a. Sub-Committee on Crime and Corrections
 - b. Sub-Committee on Courts
13. Labor Relations
14. Liquor Control
15. Local Government
 - a. Sub-Committee on Boroughs
 - b. Sub-Committee on Counties
 - c. Sub-Committee on Townships
16. Mines and Energy Management
17. Professional Licensure
18. State Government
19. Transportation
 - a. Sub-Committee on Highways
 - b. Sub-Committee on Public Transportation
 - c. Sub-Committee on Transportation Safety
20. Urban Affairs
 - a. Sub-Committee on Cities, Counties—First Class
 - b. Sub-Committee on Cities, Counties—Second Class
21. Veterans Affairs

RULE 44

Organization of Standing Committees and Sub-Committees

The membership of each Standing Committee shall first meet upon the call of its Chairman and perfect its organization. A majority of the members to which each Standing Committee is entitled shall constitute a quorum for it to proceed to business. Each Standing Committee shall have the power to promulgate rules not inconsistent with these rules which may be necessary for the orderly conduct of its business.

Where a Standing Committee has Standing Sub-Committees as prescribed by Rule 43, the membership on such Standing Sub-Committees shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees after consultation with each Chairman of a Standing Committee of which the Standing Sub-Committee is a part. Each Standing Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chairman of its parent Standing Committee, as an ex-officio member, the Chairman of the Standing Sub-Committee, and five other members from the parent Standing Committee to be appointed by the Committee on Committees three from among the Majority Party after consultation with the Majority Leader, and two from among the Minority Party after consultation with the Minority Leader. Where it is deemed advisable that the membership of any Standing Sub-Committee be of greater number than that prescribed herein, the Committee on Committees may appoint additional members of the Standing Committee from the Majority or Minority Party to serve on such Standing Sub-Committee. The number of additional members selected should be such as to maintain, as far as is practicable, a ratio in Majority and Minority Party membership which affords a fair and reasonable representation to the Minority Party on the Standing Sub-Committee.

The Chairman and the Minority Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be ex-officio members of each Standing Sub-Committee which is part of the parent Standing Committee, with the right to attend Standing Sub-Committee meetings and vote on any matter before such Standing Sub-Committee.

A majority of the members of each Standing Sub-Committee shall constitute a quorum for the proper conduct of its business. Each Standing Sub-Committee may promulgate such rules necessary for the conduct of its business which are not inconsistent with the rules of its parent Standing Committee or the Rules of the House.

When the chairman of a Standing Committee has referred a bill, resolution or other matter to a Standing Sub-Committee, the power and control over such bill, resolution or other matter shall then reside in such Sub-Committee for a reasonable period of time thereafter in order that such Sub-Committee may consider the bill, resolution or other matter and return the same to its Standing Committee with its recommendations as to the action which ought to be taken on such bill, resolution or other matter.

Each Standing Sub-Committee, within a reasonable time after it has received a bill, resolution or other matter, shall meet as a committee for the purpose of considering the same and returning the bill, resolution or other matter back to its parent Standing Committee with a Sub-Committee report as to what action it recommends. The report of the Sub-Committee on a bill, resolution or other matter being returned to the Standing Committee shall contain one of the following recommendations:

- a. That the bill, resolution or other matter in its present form be reported to the House,
- b. that the bill, resolution, or other matter not be reported to the House,
- c. that the bill, resolution or other matter be reported to the House, with recommendations for amendments,
- d. that the bill, resolution or other matter is returned without recommendations.

When a Standing Committee receives reports from its Sub-Committees, it shall consider the same and by majority vote of the members of the Standing Committee either approve or disapprove such report. If disapproved, the Standing Committee may then determine by a majority vote of its members what further action, if any, should be taken on such bill, resolution or other matter.

Where no action has been taken by a Standing Sub-Committee on a bill, resolution or other matter referred to it, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee considers that such Sub-Committee has had reasonable time to consider the bill, resolution or other matter and return the same to its parent Standing Committee. The Sub-Committee Chairman shall then forthwith surrender and forward the same, together with all documents or papers pertaining thereto, to the Standing Committee.

In the event that a Chairman of a Standing Committee is absent, the following rules shall apply:

1. If such Standing Committee has no Sub-Committee prescribed by Rule 44, the Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee shall act as Chairman of the Committee meetings;

2. If such Standing Committee has only one Sub-Committee, the Sub-Committee Chairman shall act as Chairman of the Standing Committee; and

3. If the Standing Committee has more than one Sub-Committee, the Sub-Committee Chairman with the longest consecutive legislative service shall act as Chairman of the Standing Committee, except where the Sub-Committee Chairmen have equal legislative service, in which case the Speaker of the House shall designate one of the Sub-Committee Chairmen to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee.

In case of absence of a Sub-Committee Chairman, the Chairman of the appropriate Standing Committee shall designate one member from either the Standing Committee or Sub-Committee to act as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

RULE 45

Powers and Duties of Standing Committees and Sub-Committees

The Chairman of each Standing Committee and Sub-Committee shall fix regular weekly, biweekly or monthly meeting days for the transaction of business before the Committee or Sub-Committee. The Chairman of the Committee or Sub-Committee shall notify all members, at least twenty-four hours in advance of the date, time and place of regular meetings, and, insofar as possible, the subjects on the agenda. In addition to regular meetings, special meetings may be called from time to time by the Chairman of the Committee or Sub-Committee as they deem necessary. No committee shall meet during any session of the House without first obtaining permission of the Speaker. During any such meeting, no vote shall be taken on the Floor of the House on any amendment, recommittal motion, final passage of any bill, or any other matter requiring a roll call vote. Any committee meeting called off the Floor of the House shall meet in a committee room. In addition to the specific provisions of this Rule 45, all provisions of the act of July 19, 1974 (No. 175) relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

At regularly scheduled meetings, or upon the call of the Chairman, or Sub-Committee Chairman, for special meetings, the membership of such Committees shall meet to consider any bill, resolution, or other matter on the agenda. The Secretary of each Standing Committee, or in case of Sub-Committees a secretary designated by the Sub-Committee Chairman, shall record: (1) the minutes of the meeting, (2) all votes taken, and (3) a roll or attendance of members at Standing Committee or Sub-Committee meetings showing the names of those present, absent or excused from attendance; such records shall be open to public inspection. On the first legislative day of each week the House is in session, the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall submit to the Chief Clerk for inclusion in the House Journal the roll or record of attendance of members at Standing Committee or Sub-Committee meetings held prior thereto and not yet reported, along with the record of all votes taken at such meetings. All meetings at which formal action is taken by a Standing Committee or Sub-Committee shall be open to the public, making such reports as are required under Rule 44. When any member, except for an excused absence, fails to attend five consecutive regular meetings to the satisfaction of a majority of the membership of his committee, the Chairman of that Committee or Sub-Committee shall notify him of that fact and, if the member in question fails to reasonably justify his absences to the satisfaction of a majority of the membership of the Standing Committee of which he is a member, his membership on the Committee or Sub-Committee shall be deemed vacant and the Chairman of the Standing Committee shall notify the Speaker of the House to that effect. Such vacancy shall then be filled in the manner prescribed by these rules.

Whenever the Chairman of any Standing Committee shall refuse to call a regular meeting, then a majority of the members of the Standing Committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two days written notice to the Speaker of the House, setting the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be read in the House and the same posted by the Chief Clerk in the House Chamber. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in the notice. In addition, all provisions of the act of July 19, 1974 (No. 175), relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

Each Secretary of a Standing Committee and each Secretary of a Standing Sub-Committee shall keep a record of the dispatch of the bills, resolutions, committee reports and other matters before it in an appropriate journal which shall be open to public inspection.

Records, bills and other papers in the possession of Committees and Sub-Committees, upon final adjournment of the House shall be filed with the Chief Clerk, to be kept by him for a period of two years.

No committee report, except a report of the Appropriations Committee, shall be recognized by the House, unless the same has been acted upon by a majority vote of the members of a Standing Committee present at a Committee session actually assembled and meeting as a Committee, provided such majority vote numbers at least ten members, and provided further a quorum is present. No

committee report of the Appropriations Committee shall be recognized by the House, unless the same has been acted upon by a majority vote of the members of such committee present at a committee session actually assembled and meeting as a committee, provided such majority vote numbers at least fourteen members, and provided further a quorum is present. All reports of Standing Committees shall be prepared in writing by the Secretary of the Committee. Members of a Standing Committee may prepare in writing and file a minority report, setting forth the reasons for their dissent.

When the majority of the members of a Standing Committee believe that a certain bill or resolution in the possession of the Standing Committee should be considered and acted upon by such Committee, they may request the Chairman to include the same as part of the business of a committee meeting. Upon failure of the Chairman to comply with such request, the membership may require that such bill be considered by written motion made and approved by a majority vote of the entire membership to which such Committee is entitled.

Whenever the phrase "majority of members of a Standing Committee or Sub-Committee" is used in these rules, it shall mean majority of the entire membership to which a Standing Committee or Sub-Committee is entitled, unless the context thereof indicates a different intent.

To assist the House in appraising the administration of the laws and in developing such amendments or related legislation as it may deem necessary, each Standing Committee or Sub-Committee of the House shall exercise continuous watchfulness of the execution by the administrative agencies concerned of any laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of such Committee or Sub-Committee; and, for that purpose, shall study all pertinent reports and data submitted to the House by the agencies in the Executive Branch of the Government.

RULE 46

Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules shall consist of the Speaker and thirteen other members, one of whom shall be the Majority Leader who shall be Chairman; seven shall be members of the Majority Party appointed by the Speaker, and five shall be the Minority Leader, the Minority Whip, and three members appointed by the Minority Leader.

The Committee shall make recommendations designed to improve and expedite the business and procedure of the House and its committees, and to propose to the House any amendments to the rules deemed necessary.

The Committee shall be privileged to report at any time.

RULE 47

Ethics Committee

As used in the context of this rule, the word "Committee" shall mean the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives, and the phrase "majority of the Committee" shall mean a majority of the members to which the Committee is entitled:

The Committee shall consist of eight members: four of whom shall be members of the Majority Party appointed by the Speaker, and four of whom shall be members of the Minority Party appointed by the Minority Leader. The Speaker shall appoint from the members a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the Committee. The Chairman shall be a member of the Majority Party and the Vice Chairman shall be a member of the Minority Party.

The Chairman shall notify all members of the Committee at least twenty-four hours in advance of the date, time and place of a regular meeting. Whenever the Chairman shall refuse to call a regular meeting, a majority of the Committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two days' written notice to the Speaker of the House setting forth the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be read in the House and posted in the House Chamber by the Chief Clerk, or his designee. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in such notice.

The Committee shall conduct its investigations, hearings and meetings relating to a specific investigation or a specific member, officer or employee of the House in

closed session and the fact that such investigation is being conducted or to be conducted or that hearings or such meetings are being held or are to be held shall be confidential information unless the person subject to investigation advises the Committee in writing that he elects that such hearings shall be held publicly. In the event of such an election, the Committee shall furnish such person a public hearing. All other meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

The Committee shall receive complaints against members, officers and employees of the House alleging illegal or unethical conduct. Any such complaint must be in writing verified by the person filing the complaint and must set forth in detail the conduct in question and the section of the "Legislative Code of Ethics" or House rule violated. The Committee shall make a preliminary investigation of the complaint, and if it is determined by a majority of the Committee that a violation of the rule or law may have occurred, the person against whom the complaint has been brought shall be notified in writing and given a copy of the complaint. Within fifteen days after receipt of the complaint, such person may file a written answer thereto with the Committee. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the Committee, the Committee shall either dismiss the complaint within ten days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten days nor more than thirty days after notice in writing to the persons so charged. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the complaint is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the Committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the complaint.

A majority of the Committee may initiate a preliminary investigation of the suspected violation of a "Legislative Code of Ethics" or House rule by a member, officer or employee of the House. If it is determined by a majority of the Committee that a violation of a rule or law may have occurred, the person in question shall be notified in writing of the conduct in question and the section of the "Legislative Code of Ethics" or House rule violated. Within fifteen days, such person may file a written answer thereto. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the Committee, the Committee shall either dismiss the charges within ten days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten days nor more than thirty days after notice in writing to the person so charged. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the charge is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the Committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the charge.

In the event that the Committee shall elect to proceed with a formal investigation of the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the House, the Committee shall employ independent counsel who shall not be employed by the House for any other purpose or in any other capacity during such investigation.

All constitutional rights of any person under investigation shall be preserved, and such person shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, face his accuser, and be represented by counsel.

The Chairman may continue any hearing for reasonable cause, and upon the vote of a majority of the Committee or upon the request of the person subject to investigation, the Chairman shall issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to any matter under formal investigation by the Committee. The Committee may administer oaths or affirmations and examine and receive evidence.

All testimony, documents, records, data, statements or information received by the Committee in the course of any investigation shall be private and confidential except in the case of public hearings or in a report to the House. No report shall be made to the House unless a majority of the Committee has made a finding of unethical or illegal conduct on the part of the person under investigation. No finding of unethical or illegal conduct shall be valid unless signed by at least a majority of the Committee. Any such report may include a minority report.

No action shall be taken on any finding of illegal or unethical conduct nor shall such finding or report containing such finding be made public sooner than seven days after a copy of the finding is sent by certified mail to the member, officer or employee under investigation.

The Committee may meet with a Committee of the Senate to hold investigations or hearings involving employees of the two Houses jointly or officers or employees of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Joint State Government Commission, Local Government Commission, Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the Legislative Data Processing Committee; provided, however, that no action may be taken at a joint meeting unless it is approved by a majority of the Committee.

In the event that a member of the Committee shall be under investigation, such member shall be temporarily replaced on the Committee in a like manner as said member's original appointment.

The Committee, whether or not at the request of a member, officer or employee concerned about an ethical problem relating to himself alone or in conjunction with others, may render advisory opinions with regard to questions pertaining to legislative ethics or decorum. Such advisory opinions, with such deletions and changes as shall be necessary to protect the identity of the persons involved or seeking them, may be published and shall be distributed to all the members of the House.

Any member of the Committee breaching the confidentiality of materials and events as set forth in this rule shall be removed immediately from the Committee and replaced by another member of the House in a like manner as said member's original appointment.

The Committee may adopt rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its affairs, investigations, hearings and meetings, which rules are not inconsistent with this rule.

The Committee shall continue to exist and have authority and power to function after the sine die adjournment of the General Assembly and shall so continue until the expiration of the then current term of office of the members of the Committee.

RULE 49

Committee Action

Whenever a bill, resolution or other matter has been referred by the Speaker of the House to a Standing Committee, and such Committee has one or more Standing Sub-Committees, the Chairman of the Standing Committee may either refer it to an appropriate Sub-Committee or retain it for consideration by the entire Standing Committee. If it is retained, such Standing Committee shall have full power and control over such bill, resolution or other matter, except that such Committee shall not change the subject nor any amendments adopted by the House. Where the Chairman of the Standing Committee refers such bill, resolution, or matter to a Sub-Committee, such Sub-Committee, except as hereinafter provided, shall have full power over the same.

The recommendations by a Committee that a bill or resolution be reported negatively shall not affect its consideration by the House. The words "negative recommendation" shall be printed conspicuously on a line above the title of this bill.

All Standing Sub-Committees shall be subject to the will of the majority of their parent Standing Committee and shall not promulgate any rules or take any action inconsistent with the rules of their parent Standing Committee or the Rules of the House.

RULE 50

Public Hearings

Each Standing Committee, Sub-Committee or Select Committee to which a proposed bill, resolution or any matter is referred shall have full power and authority to study said bill, resolution or other matter before it, as such Committee, shall determine is necessary to enable it to report properly to the House thereon. To this end, a Standing Committee, Sub-Committee, or Select Committee, may as hereinafter provided, conduct public hearings. No Standing Committee, Sub-Committee or Select Committee shall hold any public hearings without prior ap-

proval by a majority vote of the members of the Standing Committee and the leadership of the Majority Party of the House. The Leadership of the Majority Party of the House shall withhold approval of public hearings based only on budgetary consideration.

When a public hearing has been authorized as aforesaid, the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sub-Committee Chairman, or Select Committee Chairman as the case may be, shall instruct the Chief Clerk to give written notice thereof to each House member not less than five calendar days before the proposed hearings and post the same in or immediately adjacent to the House Chambers. Such notice, which shall contain the day, hour and place of the hearing and the number or numbers of bills or other subject matter to be considered at such hearing, shall also be given the supervisor of the news room, and to the news media. In addition, all provisions of the act of July 19, 1974 (No. 175), relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

Public hearings held by a Standing Committee shall be chaired by the Chairman of such Committee, unless absent, in which case an acting Chairman shall be selected in the manner prescribed by these rules to serve in his stead. Public hearings held by Standing Sub-Committees shall be chaired by the Sub-Committee Chairman thereof, but the Chairman of the parent Standing Committee, as an ex-officio member of the Sub-Committee, shall have the right to attend and participate in the hearing proceedings. In the absence of the Sub-Committee Chairman, an acting Chairman shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by these rules.

All public hearings shall be open to the public and reasonable opportunity to be heard shall be afforded to all interested parties who have requested an appearance before the Committee. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Committee in conducting its hearing to request the presentation of testimony by any person who, in the opinion of the Committee, is qualified to present pertinent and important testimony.

Such Committee shall, so far as practicable, request all witnesses appearing before it to file written statements of their proposed testimony. The Chairman shall have the right to fix the order of appearance and the time to be allotted to witnesses. Witnesses may submit brief pertinent statements in writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee is the sole judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its hearings.

The Chairman, in presiding at such public hearings, shall preserve order and decorum, in and adjacent to his committee room while the hearing is being conducted and he shall have the authority to direct the removal from the committee room of any person who fails to comply with order and decorum of the Committee.

Proceedings of all public hearings shall be either stenographically recorded and transcribed or electronically recorded and said records shall be open for examination to any member of the House.

The Chief Clerk shall not make payment of any expenses incurred as a result of a public hearing without the prior written approval of the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the House.

RULE 51

Investigations

Any Standing Committee, Sub-Committee or Select Committee, upon resolution introduced and approved by majority vote of the House, may be authorized and empowered to conduct hearings at any place in the Commonwealth to investigate any matter provided for in such resolution. When so authorized, such Committee shall be empowered to issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of the Chairman thereof commanding any person to appear before it and answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the Committee and produce such books, papers, records, accounts, reports, and documents as the Committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Where any person willfully neglects or refuses to comply with any subpoena issued by the

Committee or refuses to testify before the Committee on any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the Committee to report such disobedience or refusal to the House of Representatives, and such person shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases. Each member of the Committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the Committee. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislature or other person designated by the Committee shall serve any subpoenas issued by the Committee, when directed to do so by the Committee. The subpoena shall be addressed to the witness, state that proceeding is before a Committee of the House at which the witness is required to attend and testify at a time and place certain and be signed by the Chairman of the Committee commanding attendance of such witness.

The Chairman of the investigative hearing shall call the Committee to order and announce in an opening statement the subject or purposes of the investigation.

A copy of this rule shall be made available to the witnesses at least three calendar days prior to his or her scheduled testimony. Witnesses at investigative hearings, may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights. The Chairman, for breaches of order or decorum or of professional ethics on the part of counsel, may exclude him from the hearing. Counsel may interpose legal objection to any and all questions which in the opinion of counsel may violate the civil or constitutional rights of his clients.

If the Committee determines that evidence or testimony at an investigative hearing may tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person, it shall:

a. receive such evidence or testimony in executive session;

b. afford such person an opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness; and

c. receive and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witnesses.

No evidence or testimony taken in executive session may be released or used in public sessions without the consent of the Committee.

Upon payment of the cost thereof, a person may obtain a copy of the transcript of any testimony given at a public session or, if given at an executive session when authorized by the Committee.

RULE 52

Possession of Bills by Committee

When a Committee has ordered that a bill, resolution or other matter be reported to the House, the member to whom it is assigned shall make the report thereof to the House either on the same day or at the next meeting of the House.

Failure of a member to comply with this rule shall be reported to the House by the Committee, provided the official copy of the bill, resolution or other matter has not been obtained. Upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate certified copy of a House bill, House resolution or other House matter shall be furnished to the Committee by the Chief Clerk.

Except in the preparation of fiscal notes by the Appropriations Committee a Committee or Sub-Committee shall not consider a bill, resolution or other matter which is not in its possession.

When a Committee reports to the House that a House bill, House resolution or other House matter referred to it is lost, upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate certified copy thereof shall be furnished by the Chief Clerk.

If the Senate bill, Senate resolution or other Senate matter received from the Senate is lost, upon a motion agreed to by the House, a request shall be made to the Senate to furnish the House with a duplicate certified copy thereof.

If a bill, resolution or other matter is lost before it has been referred to a Committee, the fact shall be reported to the House and the procedure provided by this rule shall be followed.

RULE 64

Members Required to be Present and Vote

Every member shall be present within the Hall of the House during its sittings, unless excused by the House or unavoidably prevented, and shall vote for or against each question put, unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the determination of the question, or unless he is excused by the House.

No member shall be permitted to vote and have his vote recorded on the roll unless he is present in the Hall of the House during the roll call vote.

The Legislative Journal shall show the result of each roll call by yeas and nays and those absent and not voting.

RULE 66

Electric Roll Call

The names of the members shall be listed on the electric roll call boards by party affiliation in alphabetical order, except the name of the Speaker shall be last.

On any question requiring the "yeas" and "nays", the electric roll call system shall be used. On all other questions to be voted upon, the Speaker may, in his discretion, order the yeas and nays taken by the electric roll call system or voice vote or, upon demand of two members before the result of a vote has been declared, the yeas and nays shall be taken by the electric roll call system.

In the event the electric roll system is not in operating order, the Speaker shall order all yea and nay votes be taken by calling the roll, as provided in the Rules of the House.

The vote of any member which has not been recorded because of mechanical malfunction of the electric roll call system shall be entered on the Journal, if said member was in the Hall of the House at the time of the vote and did cast his vote at the appropriate time, and the fact of such malfunction is reported to the Speaker of the House prior to the announcement of the result of the vote.

When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring the yeas and nays and the vote is to be taken by the electric roll call system, the Speaker shall state: "The question (Designating the matter to be voted upon.)" The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and announce, "The members shall now proceed to vote." Once the voting has begun, it shall not be interrupted, except for the purpose of questioning the validity of a member's vote before the result is announced.

When, in the judgment of the Speaker, reasonable time has been allowed all members present in the House to vote (in no event shall such time exceed ten minutes) he shall ask the question: "Have all members present voted?" After a pause, the Speaker shall lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to record the vote, and the Speaker shall announce the result of the vote.

No member or other person shall be allowed at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being recorded, or the vote counted.

After the voting machine is locked, no member may change his vote and the votes of tardy members will not be recorded.

The vote as electrically recorded on the roll of members shall not in any manner be altered or changed by any person.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member vote for a member. Any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member, or a person not a member who shall vote or attempt to vote for a member, may be punished in such manner as the House determines.

Any member or other person who willfully tampers with or attempts to disarrange, deface, impair or destroy in any manner whatsoever the electrical voting equipment used by the House, or who instigates, aids or abets with the intent to destroy or change the record of votes thereon shall be punished in such manner as the House determines.

A member who has been appointed by the Speaker to preside as Speaker pro tempore may designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast his vote on any question while he is presiding in accordance with his instructions from the Chair.

RULE 70

History of House Bills and House Resolutions

A weekly History, showing the title and action on House bills and the text and action on non-privileged resolutions, shall be compiled and indexed under the direction of the Chief Clerk and shall be printed and placed on each member's desk.

The House History shall include a cumulative index of laws enacted during the session and the text of vetoes by the Governor.

RULE 71

House Calendar

Bills and non-privileged resolutions reported from Committees to the House with an affirmative recommendation shall be listed on the calendar by the title in numerical order. House bills and House resolutions shall precede Senate bills and Senate resolutions.

Bills and non-privileged resolutions shall be listed on the House Calendar for no more than fifteen consecutive legislative days. At the end of the fifteenth consecutive legislative day the said bill or non-privileged resolution shall be automatically recommitted to the Committee from which it was reported to the floor of the House.

Any bill or non-privileged resolution on the calendar which cannot, by its status, be recommitted shall be removed from the calendar and laid on the table, unless the House shall otherwise direct.

RULE 78

Parliamentary Authority

Jefferson's Manual supplemented by Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall be the parliamentary authority of the House, if applicable and not inconsistent with the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the laws of Pennsylvania applicable to the General Assembly, the Rules of the House and the established precedents of the House.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, I move that those rules presented and read by the clerk be adopted by the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. BUTERA. Mr. Speaker, I just would like to address a few remarks to the majority whip.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. BUTERA. The rules which we are adopting today, as I understand it, will permit this House to organize its committees and proceed with the business of this House.

Any member in this House who desires to offer amendments to the rules in the future, to these rules as well as others, will be given an opportunity with plenty of advance notice at some future time; I would say probably within the next month. I just want to make certain that that is the understanding of all of us as we adopt this portion of the rules today.

Specifically, the only amendment that I am familiar with that I think will be offered by a group on this side of the aisle and perhaps on that side, too, is the portion

of the rules which excludes the creation of a Law and Justice Committee. Those who have an interest in that subject will be given ample opportunity in the future to make their argument. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. We are adopting rules this morning which will permit the organization of committees, the appointment of members to committees, the appointment of the Rules Committee, so that the membership of the committees can be determined.

The gentleman is also correct when he says there will be another day set aside or a time specifically set aside for the adoption of more full and complete rules, at which time anyone wishing to offer amendments to the rules adopted today or to rules which will then be adopted will have ample opportunity to do so.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. In compliance with the rules just adopted, the following members have been selected to serve on the Committee on Committees: the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Laudadio, chairman; the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Irvis; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Johnson; the gentleman from Erie, Mr. Bellomini; the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Caputo; the gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. Shupnik; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Rieger; the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. Englehart; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Pievsky; the gentleman from Mercer, Mr. Bennett; the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Manderino; the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Doyle; the gentleman from Crawford, Mr. Haskell; the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Knepper; the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Lynch; the gentleman from York, Mr. Anderson; the gentleman from Jefferson, Mr. L. E. Smith; and the Speaker.

That committee will now proceed to room 249 to fulfill their duties in accordance with the rules of the House. The committee will proceed immediately and report back as promptly as possible to the House so that we may continue with the business of the House.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Committees, whose duty it is to recommend to the House the names of the members who are to serve on the standing committees of the House, has performed that duty and reports that its recommendations are now ready to be presented to the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The pages will, please, immediately distribute the committee lists.

RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, I have the following

resolution to offer. I will not read the resolution to the membership as committee lists are currently being distributed by the pages.

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the resolution.

The clerk read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in compliance with Rule 43 of the House, it is recommended that the members of the House named herein be and are hereby elected members of the Standing Committees of this House of Representatives.

The chairmen, vice-chairmen, subcommittee chairmen and secretaries whose names are included in this report are appointed by the Speaker of the House in accordance with Rule 43.

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On the question.

Will the House adopt the resolution?

Resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEES ORGANIZED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip for the purpose of stating whether or not there are any plans to proceed with committee organizations at this time.

Mr. MANDERINO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I have been requested to announce the standing committee organizations which will take place immediately. We have set up five groups. A copy of the groupings is on the members' desks. We would ask that group No. 1, when their names are called, go to the room designated on the room schedule which is also on their desks, and that when the committees are organized, they return to the floor. Then the second group will go out and so forth.

The first group are these committees, the Health and Welfare Committee—

POINT OF ORDER

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

Mr. RITTER. I rise to a point of order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. RITTER. Mr. Speaker, not all of the members have that list that the majority whip is referring to.

The SPEAKER. It is in the process of being distributed at this time. The gentleman will have a copy in short order.

Will the chairman of each of the committees—and if the chairman happens to be absent, the vice chairman—before they retire to the assigned rooms for purposes of organization, please see the gentleman, Mr. Manderino, at his desk before they leave the floor?

The gentleman may proceed.

ORGANIZATION OF GROUP I

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, group I, will organize first. The Health and Welfare Committee will organize in room 246, which is the Appropriations Conference Room. The Conservation Committee will organize in room 401, which is above the Lieutenant Governor's Office. The Local Government Committee will organize in room 328, which is the minority caucus room. The Judiciary Committee will organize in room 115A, which is the conference room or committee room which is next to my office on the first floor on the House side of the Main Capitol Building. The Urban Affairs Committee, the last committee in group I, will organize in room 140, which is the majority caucus room.

The chairman and the members of the committees in group I, which I have just read, will now leave the floor for the purpose of organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the chairman, or the vice chairman in the absence of the chairman, come down to the desk and talk to me for a minute before they go out to organize. I request that the House be at ease until group I returns to the floor.

HOUSE AT EASE

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease until the group I committees return.

Members, and particularly the chairmen, please keep in mind that we have a time deadline today. So discharge your responsibilities as quickly as possible and get back to the House promptly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Caputo.

Mr. CAPUTO. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Urban Affairs has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his report.

Has the Committee on Judiciary met?

Has the Committee on Local Government or the Committee on Health and Welfare met?

Has the gentleman, Mr. Fryer, returned or the gentleman, Mr. Morris?

The committees on Health and Welfare, Conservation, and Local Government will have to move much more rapidly. I would hope the succeeding groups that go out would do this task promptly. That bus is scheduled to depart at 1 p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tioga, Mr. Spencer.

Mr. SPENCER. The House Standing Committee on Judiciary has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. The quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ORGANIZATION OF GROUP II

The SPEAKER. Will the committees in group II, consisting of the Transportation Committee, the Committee on State Government, the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Liquor Control Committee, please proceed to their organizational meetings immediately?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Conservation has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. The quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Is there a report from the Committee on Health and Welfare and the Committee on Local Government?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Mr. Fryer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. FRYER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Local Government has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Mrs. Kelly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Health and Welfare has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

That completes the assignments of group I. We are now awaiting the return of the committees of group II.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, have the committees of group II been announced?

The SPEAKER. The committees in group II have been announced.

Mr. MANDERINO. And the meeting places?

The SPEAKER. Transportation Committee, room 401; State Government, room 115A; Military and Veterans Affairs, room 246; Liquor Control, room 140.

Mr. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Mr. Wansacz.

Mr. WANSACZ. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Liquor Control has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other committees that have returned from group II?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Mr. Kolter.

Mr. KOLTER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Transportation has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Business and Commerce now proceed to their organizational meeting?

Will the Committee on Education now proceed?

Has the Committee on State Government or Military and Veterans Affairs returned yet?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Misceviech.

Mr. MISCEVICH. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their assignments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the com-

mittee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Appropriations now proceed to its organizational meeting in room 246 and report back as promptly as possible?

Has the Committee on State Government returned as yet?

The committees that were to go to room 115A, your room assignment has been changed to room 328, which is the minority caucus room.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Business and Commerce has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and the secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Insurance now proceed to room 401?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Geisler.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Mr. GEISLER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on State Government has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and the secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Agriculture now proceed to room 328?

That assignment was originally scheduled for room 115A. The assignment has been changed to room 328.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. PIEVSKY. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Appropriations has met. The chairman, the subcommittee chairmen, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Game and Fisheries proceed immediately to room 246?

The Chair notes the return of the Education Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Insurance Committee, and the Game and Fisheries Committee.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Mr. Morris.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Agriculture has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Committee on Professional Licensure will now proceed to room 328 for the purpose of organization.

Will the Committee on Federal-State Relations proceed to room 140?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Elk, Mr. Renwick.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES

Mr. RENWICK. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Game and Fisheries has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Labor Relations please proceed immediately to room 246?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Gallagher.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Education has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Consumer Affairs please proceed to room 140, immediately?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Shuman.

Mr. SHUMAN. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Agriculture has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and the secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operations has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to advise the membership that upon completion of the organization of the committees, a master roll call will be taken.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton, Mr. Kowalyshyn.

Mr. KOWALYSHYN. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Insurance has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments.

A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform the duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Mines and Energy Management please proceed immediately to room 401 for the organization of that committee?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS

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

Mr. RITTER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Federal-State Relations has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments.

A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the Committee on Finance please proceed immediately to room 328 for the purposes of organization?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Rieger.

Mr. RIEGER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Professional Licensure has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

QUESTION OF INFORMATION

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

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if you said something about the Finance Committee?

The SPEAKER. Yes. The Finance Committee has been sent to its organization meeting in room 328.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. That is the minority caucus room. They are now meeting. This is the last group that is now out.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. B. F. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Mines and Energy Management has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments.

A quorum for the committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. Musto.

Mr. MUSTO. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Labor Relations has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Has the Committee on Consumer Affairs or the Committee on Finance returned as yet?

Will the members now proceed to take their seats and report to the floor? The Chair is going to be taking a master roll in just several moments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Schmitt.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs has met. The chairman, subcommittee chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for the committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will all members now promptly report to the floor at this time?

Has the Committee on Finance returned?

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Mr. BRUNNER. Mr. Speaker, the House Standing Committee on Finance has met. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary have respectively accepted their appointments. A quorum for committee operation has been established, and the committee stands ready to perform their duties as assigned by the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

All committees have now been organized and are ready to do business.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair now proceeds to the taking

of a master roll. Members will take their seats. Only those members who are in their seats are permitted to be recorded.

The following master roll call was recorded:

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| Bellomini | Geisler | Mebus | Seltzer |
| Beloff | George, C. | Meuskey | Shelton |
| Bennett | George, M. | Milanovich | Shuman |
| Berlin | Giammarco | Miller | Shupnik |
| Bittinger | Gillette | Milliron | Sirianni |
| Bittle | Goebel | Miscevich | Smith, E. |
| Borski | Goodman | Moehlmann | Smith, L. |
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| Burd | Halverson | Mullen, M. P. | Stewart |
| Burns | Hamilton | Mullen, M. M. | Stuban |
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| Fischer | Letterman | Renwick | Zearfoss |
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The SPEAKER. One hundred ninety members having indicated their presence, a master roll is established.

PRESENTATION OF DR. BARUCH S. BLUMBERG

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to present a very distinguished Pennsylvanian to the members of the House.

Today is a most auspicious day for the General Assembly. Not only is it the anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, one of our most distinguished former Speakers, but it also marks the opening day of the Benjamin Franklin Symposium, named in his honor. And to add just the right touch to what should prove to be a most interesting and educational week, we shall meet today the winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize for Medicine, Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg.

Dr. Blumberg's road to the Nobel Prize began shortly

after his graduation from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1951. Rather than follow the more traditional paths preferred by his classmates, Dr. Blumberg chose to intern in a hospital off the coast of South America. It was there that he first became curious as to why different people contracted particular diseases. The logical place to start his research, he believed, was the bloodstream.

And thus, there began an odyssey which has taken Dr. Blumberg thousands of miles through more than 40 countries. Everywhere he has gone he has collected blood samples. He has gotten them from humans, from animals, and he has even gotten some blood traces from Egyptian mummies at the University of Pennsylvania where he teaches a course in Medical Anthropology.

A blood sample taken from an Australian aborigine in 1963 finally provided the key which unlocked the answer to some of Dr. Blumberg's basic questions. In that sample he found a peculiar protein which he named the "Australian antigen." Four years later, in 1967, he would verify that this antigen was a key part of the hepatitis virus.

Today blood for transfusions is routinely tested for this protein, as a consequence of which thousands of cases of hepatitis have been avoided each year.

Currently a hepatitis vaccine for humans is being field-tested, and Dr. Blumberg feels that the link between the hepatitis virus and cancer of the liver, which he is trying to expose, might eventually lead to the eradication of cancer.

It is not unusual for a Nobel Prize to be awarded many years after the initial discovery has been made. The significance of Dr. Blumberg's discoveries can be attested to by the speed with which the Nobel Committee acted to recognize his achievements.

While continuing his research, Dr. Blumberg teaches medicine and anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania and is an adjunct professor of anthropology at Temple University. He is an attending physician for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Hospital, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and he has served as the Associate Director of Clinical Research at Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research since 1964.

Aside from his most recent honor, Dr. Blumberg has been the recipient of the Albion O. Bernstein Award for the most widely beneficial scientific discovery in medicine, surgery or prevention of disease; the Grant Scientific Award for 1971, and the Gairdner Foundation International Award.

Dr. Blumberg is not, however, a one-dimensional figure. His wife, Jean—who I am happy to say is with him here this morning—probably describes him best. She says, "He is an adventurer. He likes nothing better than to tramp through the woods or paddle a canoe." And that must appeal to all you game and fishing enthusiasts.

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the General Assembly, I have the singular honor of presenting Pennsylvania's Nobel Prize award winner, Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg.

DR. BARUCH S. BLUMBERG. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to have been given this recognition by the House of Representatives and to accept it not only for myself but on behalf of my colleagues from the Institute for Cancer Research in Fox Chase, Philadelphia, some of whom are here with me.

The Nobel Prize which we received is not only a recognition of our own work but of the environment in which it was achieved, and so it honors our city of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our country. You may know that this year for the first time all the Nobel awards were given to citizens of a single country, the United States, and it has been pointed out that this is probably a result of the large effort and the large amount of money that the Federal and other governments have put into scientific and other research during the past 20 or 30 years, and particularly into their support of basic research which has provided the material from which applications can be made.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has supported the Institute for Cancer Research financially very nearly since its inception. We are very grateful for the support that the Commonwealth has provided since this small but significant part of our budget demonstrates to the Federal Government, which is the main source of our funds, the interest which our state has and the support that we have locally. We have benefited a great deal from this generosity of the state in supporting our work.

I want to emphasize again a point that has been made several times in the comments on the Nobel Prizes for this year. The work which we did had a very practical application and turned out to have a very practical application in that it is now possible to detect hepatitis carriers among blood donors and, as a consequence, decrease the amount of posttransfusion hepatitis. Also, we hope that the development of the vaccine, if it proves to be successful, could prevent even more hepatitis.

However, this work which turned out to be so practical started off as a very esoteric and basic and theoretical kind of study, and it is the experience in science that the constant support of this kind of work is necessary in order to result in these applications.

I would like to thank you again for this recognition of our work.

CITATION PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of presenting a citation by the House of Representatives to Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg. I am submitting it to the House and asking for its immediate adoption and presentation.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will send the citation to the desk, and the clerk will read the citation.

The clerk read the following citation:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg, senior member and associate director for clinical research at the Institute for Cancer Research, Fox Chase Cancer Center is the recipient of the 1976 Nobel Prize For Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumberg received the award "for his discovery concerning new mechanisms for the origin and dissemination of infectious disease," involving the hepatitis B virus and a form of liver cancer that occurs in densely populated areas of Asia and Africa; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Blumberg earned his M.D. from Columbia University in 1951, after completing his B.S. at Union College in Schenectady, New York, in 1946. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Balliol College of Oxford University, England, in 1957. That year he joined the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He came to Philadelphia

as a senior member of The Institute for Cancer Research in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumberg has received numerous awards including the Eppinger Prize of the University of Freiburg, Germany; the Passano Award 1974; the Gairdner Foundation International Annual Award; and the Karl Landsteiner Memorial Award, to name a few. He is a member of the Association of American Physicians; American Society of Human Genetics; National Academy of Sciences USA; in addition to the Anthropological Society of Philadelphia; and a member of the John Morgan Society and a Fellow, American College of Physicians.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pauses in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg on this richly deserved honor of receiving the 1976 Nobel Prize For Medicine, commends his tireless efforts in serving mankind and expresses its hope that he will receive other deserved honors in the years to come from those who admire and respect him; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the citation?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the citation will please rise in place and remain standing.

(Members stood.)

The SPEAKER. The citation is unanimously adopted.

Dr. Blumberg, I am pleased on behalf of the House, to present this citation to you.

ASSOCIATES OF DR. BLUMBERG INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would also like to introduce to the members of the House, associates of Dr. Blumberg, who were actively involved in Dr. Blumberg's work which culminated in the award of the Nobel Prize to him.

As I call their names, I would appreciate their rising in place, and when I have finished calling their names, then we can give them an appropriate reception: Dr. Irving Millman, who was a co-investigator; Mrs. Anna O'Connell, research associate; Dr. Ann Scott, a research associate; Miss Theresa Halbherr, a research assistant. These folks were actively involved with Dr. Blumberg and they are all associated with the Institute of Cancer Research.

I would also like to introduce to the assembly, Mrs. Baruch Blumberg.

In addition there are some other guests, one of whom we all know I think quite well, Mr. H. Don Putney, who was vice president of the Fox Chase Cancer Center; Mr. William Wills, a medical entomologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Health; and Dr. Walter Ogston, a research associate at the Institute of Cancer Research.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a resolution. I will just submit the remarks for the record. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman will send the resolution to the desk.

The resolution was presented.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I have some comments which I would like to submit for the record.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will send the comments to the desk.

Mr. BURNS presented the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to keep my remarks brief as I am aware that there is a full schedule today. I must, however, ask the House to assist me with a very serious problem which exists in my district.

Recent events have brought to public attention a grave situation of neglect at the Eastern State School and Hospital in Trevoise, Pennsylvania, which is responsible for the care of emotionally disturbed children. Several nights ago these children were forced to sleep huddled together on the floor to keep warm. The temperature in their bedrooms had dropped to 50 degrees. This lack of heat endangered the children's health, and the shameful fact is that this is not the first time the heating system has failed.

The inadequate heating is unfortunately not the most serious problem at the facility. It appears that the heating incident is only a small example of the alarming conditions which exist. For example, a lack of adequate supervision has led to a runaway problem, and the housing of delinquents with children who suffer acute mental and emotional disorders has caused problems for staff as well as patients. From personal observations and comments I have received, it seems that there is a total breakdown in communications between the school's administration and the staff.

Grievance reports have been filed concerning the grave matters I have mentioned, but no one is taking any positive action.

I believe that the members of this House must protect these children who cannot help themselves. I am, therefore, introducing a resolution calling for an immediate investigation of the Eastern State School and Hospital in order to determine the validity of the numerous and far-reaching allegations against this institution.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Has the majority leader any further business to bring before the House?

The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. I have no further business, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. BUTERA. Mr. Speaker, I think that it should be

pointed out—and I realize that we only have a minute or two—that Dr. Blumberg is also associated with the University of Pennsylvania and with Temple University, and at times like this, when we take some time to express our admiration for someone who has worked so long at something, I think it is important that the members of this House know that many of us who have advocated over the years that we give state aid to institutions of higher education, as well as the Cancer Research Institute, have often said that without this kind of aid, we may not be able to overcome the problems which confront man.

I think today that we have a living example of how indirectly and in perhaps some small way the benevolence of the members of this legislature has served mankind. I think that that should be called to our attention, and I think that with that goes our congratulations and our indebtedness to Dr. Blumberg for his achievements.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for re-emphasizing that which the Speaker covered in his opening remarks about Dr. Blumberg's association with both of those institutions.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Bennett. Before the Chair recognizes the gentleman, I would bring to your attention that the buses which were due to depart at 1 o'clock have been held up.

I would hope that all of you, out of respect to the very distinguished panelists whom we have gathered for this Benjamin Franklin Symposium, will immediately make your way over to the Harrisburg Community College, where the symposium is being held, so that you will have a representative attendance at that gathering.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BENNETT moved that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, January 18, 1977, at 9 a.m., e.s.t.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and (at 1:25 p.m., e.s.t.) the House adjourned.