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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

REV. KENNETH E. SHAFFER, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, from Seneca, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our wonderful, wonderful Lord, we thank You for the gift of life, for this day with its potential, with its challenges, for the opportunities that are presented to us. We have prayed today and ask Thy blessing upon each member of the House as they enter into the business of the day.

We recognize, dear Father, that bills that are presented here are never all wrong or all right. There is always a medium that has to be attained, and I pray, dear Lord, that You would help each member to have discernment as they make their choices and their decisions. We recognize again, wise as they may be, they need Your divine help. Available. You are always there, caring.

And I would ask today that we would humble ourselves and draw upon Your wisdom and Your strength, that the business that is conducted would be that that would be best for the Commonwealth and for the people we represent.

These things we ask in the name of our wonderful, living Lord. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, November 13, 1995, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF SPONSORS

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of additions and deletions for sponsorships of bills, which the clerk will file.

(Copy of list is on file with the Journal clerk.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley, for the purpose of leaves of absence.

The gentleman requests leave for the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. REINARD, for today's session.

The Chair hears no objection.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Coy, for the purpose of taking Democratic leaves of absence.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we would request leaves for the day for the following members: The gentlelady from Erie, Ms. BEBKO-JONES; the gentleman from Mercer, Mr. GRUITZA; the gentleman from Erie, Mr. CAPPABIANCA; the gentleman from Butler, Mr. TRAVAGLIO; the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. MIHALICH; the gentlemen from Allegheny, Mr. COWELL and Mr. OLASZ; the gentlelady from Centre, Mrs. RUDY; and the gentleman from Erie, Mr. SCRIMENTI.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be removed from the table:

HB 281;
HB 1897;
HB 1922;
HB 1929;
HB 1943;
HB 2004; and
SB 654.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 281;
HB 1897;
HB 1922;
HB 1929;

HB 1943;
HB 2004; and
SB 654.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as a guest page for Representative Teresa Brown, Charles Mandaville, of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Charles, would you please stand up and be recognized.

Also, a guest page today from the Warwick Middle School in Lititz, Pennsylvania, as the guest of Representative Strittmatter, Ms. Amy Hicks. Amy, would you please rise. Here in front of the Speaker.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take today's master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—190

Adolph	Evans	Lloyd	Sather
Allen	Fairchild	Lucyk	Saylor
Argall	Fajt	Lynch	Schroder
Armstrong	Fargo	Maitland	Schuler
Baker	Farmer	Major	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Manderino	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Markosek	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	Marsico	Sheehan
Belardi	Flick	Masland	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gamble	Mayernik	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Gannon	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Bishop	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Blaum	George	McGill	Stairs
Boscola	Gigliotti	Melio	Steelman
Boyes	Gladeck	Merry	Stern
Brown	Godshall	Michlovic	Stetler
Browne	Gordner	Micozzie	Stish
Bunt	Gruppo	Miller	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Habay	Mundy	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Tangretti
Carn	Harhart	Nyce	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Cawley	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Chadwick	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Civera	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Clark	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Clymer	Horsey	Petrone	True
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Colafella	Jadlowiec	Piccola	Van Horne
Colaizzo	James	Pistella	Veon
Conti	Jarolin	Pitts	Vitali
Cornell	Josephs	Platts	Walko
Corpora	Kaiser	Preston	Washington
Corrigan	Keller	Ramos	Waugh
Coy	Kenney	Raymond	Williams
Curry	King	Readshaw	Wogan
Daley	Kirkland	Reber	Wozniak
DeLuca	Krebs	Rieger	Wright, D. R.

Dempsey	Kukovich	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Dent	LaGrotta	Robinson	Yewcic
Dermody	Laughlin	Roebuck	Youngblood
DeWeese	Lawless	Rohrer	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lederer	Rooney	Zug
Donatucci	Leh	Rubley	
Druce	Lescovitz	Sainato	Ryan,
Egolf	Levdansky	Santoni	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Bebko-Jones	Durham	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Gruitza	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio

LEAVES ADDED—1

Merry

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, right now everybody other than those who have been granted leave of absence are recorded as being present. We are having trouble with the roll-call board on the Republican side of the aisle, the Democrat board on the Republican side of the aisle.

The machine, however, is recording the votes properly. The Democratic board on the Democratic side of the aisle is operating properly, so if you are wanting to check your votes, check this board; do not look at the board over on the other side.

We had someone here until 11 o'clock last night, and they were unable to get it fixed. They will be back continuing to work on it after we adjourn this week.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, Mr. Barley, who asks that we return to leaves of absence and asks that the gentleman from Erie, Mr. MERRY, be added to the list of members on leave.

Without objection, the leave is granted.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have a guest of Representative Roy Cornell to the left of the Speaker. Chris Evans, a fourth grade student at the Round Meadow Elementary School, was the winner of the "One Vote Counts" poster contest sponsored by Roy Cornell. He is here today accompanied by his parents, Bob and Marie Evans, and his sister, Holly. Would the young man, Chris, and his family please rise.

Representative Patricia Vance has guest pages with us today, Holly Dudash and Kelly Carroll, here from Camp Hill High School. Would these guests please rise. They are here in front of the Speaker.

CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The following bill, having been called up, was considered for the second time and agreed to, and ordered transcribed for third consideration:

HB 100, PN 2774.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1853, PN 2751**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Kinship Care Program.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

VOTE STRICKEN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, for what purpose does the gentleman rise? There is nothing in order but the taking of the vote.

Mr. VITALI. To speak on the bill, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The clerk will strike the vote.

The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is recognized.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the bill stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The lady, Ms. Youngblood, indicates she will stand for interrogation. You may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill involves a change in the foster-care program. I would wonder if the lady would simply initially outline how the foster-care program has changed.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. This bill will primarily offer relatives — and it says “may” — the county social agencies “may” offer them the opportunity to become foster-care parents to their relatives’ children.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that this bill would allow, if a child is placed in foster care, that child’s grandmother or other relative to seek compensation from the State for foster care?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Yes. It says it “may” allow them, but in a lot of cases relatives do not seek reimbursement from the State. The children would have to be placed anyway—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. —based upon promulgation of regulations.

The SPEAKER. Will the lady and gentleman please yield.

Conferences on the floor, please cease. Sergeant at Arms, ask the conferees behind the rail to move outside the hall. Conferences in the middle, on the side aisle, please break up.

The gentleman, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I read this bill, it appears that we would be creating a whole class of people who are now entitled to additional compensation from the State. I am sorry, I did not see the fiscal impact. Do you have some estimates as to what this will cost the State? I do not have that note with me.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. It depends on how many people will be in compliance with the regulations currently set by the State.

Mr. VITALI. Do you have any estimates as to what the passage of this bill will cost the State in additional moneys?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. There are approximately 3,500 children that might be involved in this program.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

I note that there is a fiscal note attached. Does someone have a fiscal note for the gentleman?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. We will be cutting off money for the people who would ordinarily be getting money from the State of Pennsylvania as custodial parents and be giving it to the relative for taking placement of the kids.

Mr. VITALI. Let me be clear. If you have a set of parents who for some reason have abused their parental duties and the State sees fit to take those children away from them and this law would allow another relative to be compensated by this, to be considered foster parents and receive compensation— Now, I see where the moneys are—

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Only if they are in compliance—

Mr. VITALI. I see where the moneys are being paid by the State, but maybe you could explain where they are being eliminated.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. The caregiver who would presently receive the moneys for the job, they would be eliminated if they were in the situation, and the money would be given to a relative or a caregiver who can actually do the job in raising the child or children in compliance with all State regulations.

Mr. VITALI. Now, this fiscal note indicates that it would cost the Commonwealth over \$9 million. That seems to be at variance with your contentions that it would be a wash here.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Please read the whole fiscal note. It is estimated that the Federal Government will pay \$7.5 million of this \$9 million, and \$2 million will be estimated to the county, with Philadelphia being the county that it would pick up.

Mr. VITALI. You agree though that the cost, the additional cost to the taxpayer, be it via our Federal or State taxes, would be over \$9 million?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. There will be no additional cost to the taxpayer, because either way, the child would still be placed in some form of foster care, and care would be provided for the child.

Mr. VITALI. Then could you, Mr. Speaker, explain to me the significance of the fiscal note that indicates a cost of over \$9 million?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. This is only an estimate, because we do not have a total cost of the number of individuals that would be in total compliance, for the relatives that would actually opt.

Mr. VITALI. But, Mr. Speaker, I do not mean to be argumentative, but estimate or actual figure, you will concede that the estimate is an additional cost of over \$9 million.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. The estimate is based primarily upon assumptions which we do not have clarity on.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I am not overly familiar with the foster-care system, but it is my understanding that it is a temporary system, temporary procedure designed to take the child out of an abusive environment. I wonder if you are putting it, you know, if you take it out of a parent and give it to a grandparent who may in fact be in the same household, are you in fact compromising the foster-care program in any way?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. The grandparent would have to meet the same foster-care standards and be in compliance with all regulations set by DPW (Department of Public Welfare). There is no way that that would happen.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, are there any advocacy groups that you are aware of who have taken a position on this bill?

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. Will the lady yield. There is entirely too much noise on the floor of the House.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. The question, Mr. Speaker, is, have any advocacy groups with regard to foster care taken a position on this bill?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Yes, 18th Street Development Corporation, where I have received numerous letters; the Philadelphia Advocacy Society, and also part of the county DPW's; Julia Danzy, who heads the regional kinship-care program.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, again, I do not have a great familiarity with the foster-care system, but can a relative not be a foster parent right now?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. It is not currently a uniform program.

Mr. VITALI. Are there in fact relatives who are foster parents right now?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. There are relatives who have care of the children but are not necessarily in this program.

Mr. VITALI. Not in the foster-care program?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Correct.

Mr. VITALI. Why — and maybe this will help me understand current law — why are not, why have not in the past relatives been considered for foster care?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. We are currently looking for uniform standards, because some counties are currently dealing with the situation whereas other counties have not. I have found that we have had numerous problems in dealing with this. I am currently a kinship-care parent myself. I was—

Mr. VITALI. Well, the question is, what is the policy reason which has to date prohibited relatives from being foster-care parents?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. It is a hodge-podge presently; it is a county-by-county situation. Normally a person would be contacted by the DPW in their particular county and let them know that the children— And I can give you an example.

I received a phone call at 8 o'clock on a Thursday night to be notified that my stepdaughter — and I am stating this twice — my stepdaughter had had a baby and could I please come to the hospital and pick the baby up. That Saturday I had to proceed to the hospital; when I got there, the baby was listed as "baby boy." I explained to the social worker from the Philadelphia DHS (Department of Human Services) that I had not had a baby in 19 years nor had anything in my household. The baby was born with alcohol and cocaine in his system. I was told by the county agency and the hospital social worker the only placement they could have for this baby was institutionalization, to place the baby in a group home. I stated to the social worker, before I would allow

anyone to institutionalize a newborn baby, I would take the baby home.

I took that baby home, and with the help of my family, I am still raising this baby and he is now 2 years old and we have had no problems. His progress because of being placed with me has been remarkable, according to his pediatrician. If he had been placed in a group home or institutional setting, he would have been a failure-to-thrive syndrome child. I did not have to take this baby in, because biologically he is not related to me.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I think that is exactly the point, that this society should have that sense of doing — taking in their own — when trouble arises. But my question is this: Your example illustrates that relatives will take in relatives in problem situations. Do you have any reason to believe that if a monetary endowment were attached, that this would increase that endowment, or will you just be funding the status quo?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. The regulations would deal with that issue as well as the timeframe which would be set county by county by the department.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That concludes my questioning. I would like to make a brief statement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Most bills that I read really do not make an effect on me, but I have deep concerns with this bill, because I think what this bill suggests is that when relatives take in relatives, they ought to be able to look to the government for help, and I think that is the wrong direction. I do not think that is the direction we ought to be heading. I think it is appropriate to structure various laws or welfare reform and other laws in such a way that we are not encouraging breaking up families, but I think to take this additional step of creating this funding system for when relatives take in relatives, that just goes against the grain of I think what we want Pennsylvania and America to be.

I think we ought to encourage families to take in family members because it is the right thing to do, and I do not think there should be this expectation that when you take in your brother's child or someone else, that you should look to the government for some sort of payback for that.

I would encourage a "no" vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Mr. Speaker, this is good legislation. It is family based. It simply provides prioritization for a family to receive other family members over and above complete strangers. There is no dollar and cent that you can put on keeping families together.

I would urge a positive vote on HB 1853. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Kaiser.

Mr. KAISER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HB 1853.

I would like to give you a little background on the Parental Stress System in Allegheny County. I have been a board member for the Parental Stress System for 5 years. The purpose of the Parental Stress System is to deal with children who are neglected or abandoned, and they do a lot of work with the kinship care program, and basically, if they have a child that no one wants, what do you do with it?

Well, the first alternative is you find someone such as Holy Family Institute, which is a very good facility in

Allegheny County. The problem with Holy Family Institute is it costs \$25,000 a year to foster a child, plus there is only a limited number of individuals who can go into that facility.

At the Parental Stress Center what they do is they try to find a relative who is willing to take a child, because number one, that relative knows the child. That is most important. He knows the good points about the child and the bad points, and that relative could keep a very close eye on that child. Many people overlook that fact.

The second most important thing is the kinship program is very inexpensive to run. It is a cost saving to the State, and I want to repeat that: It is a cost saving. Everyone in this institution is looking for ways to save money. The kinship program allows that. For a very small amount of money it allows a child to be taken care of properly, and that is the purpose of us being here in this institution – to take care of children.

At the Parental Stress Center – of which I am a board member – if we cannot find a brother or sister, an aunt or uncle to take care of the child, we have to go out and we have to put a child in the Holy Family Institute at \$25,000 a year. That money flows from the State to the Allegheny County Children and Youth Services to Holy Family Institute, and when you are starting to pay \$25,000 a child, the bill can be quite costly.

So I rise in support of HB 1853. It is good policy, and it is good government. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman, Mr. Pitts, seeking recognition? The gentleman is recognized.

The gentleman will yield.

Conferences on the floor and in the aisles, please break up.

Sergeant at Arms, feel free to roam the area behind the rails asking the members and guests to be seated or leave the floor.

The gentleman, Mr. Pitts.

Mr. PITTS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support the lady, Ms. Youngblood's bill, HB 1853.

This bill would provide that grandparents and relatives be given priority and reimbursed at foster-care rates, and what it does is promote keeping families intact. This will not cost any money in this fiscal year. It will cost approximately \$9 million next fiscal year. It is a good expenditure of State funds. It is good public policy. I urge the members to support this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas, seek recognition?

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of HB 1853.

I think the studies are in. I recall a year ago, a couple of years ago, there was a national conference held in the city of Philadelphia. It was sponsored by Councilwoman Tasco and Council President John Street, and they were looking at how to deal with ways in which to deal with the growing population of abandoned children and how to deal with relatives who take on these additional responsibilities.

Kinship care was one of the recommendations that was made not only by those from Philadelphia City Council but also representatives from California, our own Secretary of State, our own Secretary of Welfare – Secretary Snider – a representative from the Pennsylvania Health Department, and people from around the country came to Philadelphia that morning to that breakfast to support kinship care as a way of dealing with many of the family-related problems that we are facing today. So I strongly support HB 1853.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Robinson.

Mr. ROBINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to belabor this point, but I would just like to make a couple comments in support of HB 1853.

One is, many of you are aware the Children and Youth Services in Allegheny County is undergoing some restructuring not only in terms of policy but in terms of those people who would run that agency. One of their major concerns has been to try, where possible, to keep families together.

In many instances in this chamber members have risen and said that the best approach to dealing with family problems is to keep families together, and I think we ought to be supportive of any effort, any legitimate effort, that will keep families together.

I think we need to be aware that the means test for those who would participate in this program is not going to be far different from the test that is already applied to those natural parents and guardians who have responsibility for these young people.

Also, Representative Kaiser and I share the honor of serving on the Parental Stress Center Board back in Allegheny County, and I echo his words in terms of what we are attempting to do, and this kind of legislation helps further our goal of not only training parents and guardians but making sure that the appropriate public support is there for them.

One last comment: It speaks to a group of people who oftentimes share much of the burden of trying to raise young people, and I am talking about the grandmothers and grandfathers of these young people. One of the major issues in my constituency is that grandparents have the opportunity to take care of their grandchildren, and where their children are unable to do so, those grandparents be given all the support that would normally go to their children.

This kinship-care bill – 1853 – speaks to that issue, and there are literally hundreds, maybe even thousands of grandparents in Allegheny County who are anxiously awaiting the passage of this bill. They have sent me petitions. They have talked to me. They are anxious to see 1853 supported.

Both the Salvation Army and other groups back in Pittsburgh have organized grandparents, and one of their main concerns is that they get the financial support to take care of their grandchildren if that financial support would normally be legally available to their children and those children for whatever reason are unable to take care of their kids.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge all my colleagues to support HB 1853.

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

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there are elements of this bill that could cost money and there are elements of this bill that could save money. I believe, though, that this bill deserves a chance to work, a chance for all of us to see how it works.

The Department of Public Welfare can run this program in a very efficient and cost-effective manner and serve a worthwhile social purpose. They ought to be given a chance to do that. I urge support of this legislation.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady from Lancaster County, Mrs. True.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HB 1853.

Representative Youngblood came before the Aging and Youth Committee and made a very strong case for this legislation—

The SPEAKER. The lady, Mrs. True, please yield.

Conferences on the floor, please cease. Conferences in the vicinity of the lady, Ms. Youngblood, please break up.

Sergeant at Arms, clear the area in the rear of the House. Sergeant at Arms, clear the area.

Mrs. True.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Youngblood came before the Aging and Youth Committee and spoke eloquently on why this legislation is necessary. It passed Aging and Youth unanimously, and I urge your support of the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Does anyone further desire recognition?

Ms. Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. I urge the members of the House of Representatives to all vote and support this bill. This bill is sorely needed throughout the entire Commonwealth.

We need to decide where we want our children. We say that our children are our future, but are they really our future? If we are not going to look in taking a vested interest to make sure that our children grow up to be productive adults, the only other recourse we will have is somewhere down the road they will become a part of our penal system.

It is cheaper to support and pass this bill and give a relative the option or some member an option to raise the child so they can become a loving and productive adult. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS-178

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Allen	Fajt	Lloyd	Santoni
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Carn	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Carone	Harhart	Nycc	Tangretti
Cawley	Hasay	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Civera	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Clark	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Clymer	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Cohen, L. I.	Horsey	Petrone	True
Cohen, M.	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
Colafiglia	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Colaizzo	James	Piccola	Van Horne
Conti	Jarolin	Pistella	Veon
Cornell	Josephs	Pitts	Walko

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Corrigan	Keller	Preston	Waugh
Coy	Kenney	Ramos	Williams
Curry	King	Raymond	Wogan
Daley	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wozniak
DeLuca	Krebs	Reber	Wright, D. R.
Dempsey	Kukovich	Rieger	Wright, M. N.
Dent	LaGrotta	Roberts	Yewcic
Dermody	Laughlin	Robinson	Youngblood
DeWeese	Lawless	Roebuck	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lederer	Rohrer	
Druce	Leh	Rooney	Ryan,
Evans	Lescovitz	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-10

Armstrong	Jadlowiec	Strittmatter	Vitali
Brown	Lynch	Taylor, E. Z.	Zimmerman
Egolf	Sheehan		

NOT VOTING-1

Donatucci

EXCUSED-13

Bebko-Jones	Gruitza	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Merry	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio
Durham			

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 905, PN 2615**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for involuntary termination of parental rights.

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

Mr. **KREBS** offered the following amendment No. **A5856**:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 2512), page 3, line 22, by striking out "The child, represented by an attorney, if the child" and inserting
An attorney or guardian ad litem representing a child who

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Krebs.

The gentleman will yield.

This should be a short day. It could be postponed if we are constantly interrupted.

Mr. Krebs.

Mr. KREBS. Mr. Speaker, this is a technical amendment that just changes the language of the people that are allowed to file for petition.

I ask for support for this amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-187

Adolph	Fairchild	Lloyd	Sather
Allen	Fajt	Lucy	Saylor
Argall	Fargo	Lynch	Schroder
Armstrong	Farmer	Maitland	Schuler
Baker	Feese	Major	Semmel
Bard	Fichter	Manderino	Serafini
Barley	Fleagle	Markosek	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	Marsico	Sheehan
Belardi	Gamble	Masland	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gannon	Mayernik	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Geist	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	McGill	Stairs
Boscola	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boyes	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Brown	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Miller	Stish
Bunt	Habay	Mundy	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhart	Nyce	Tangretti
Carone	Hasay	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cawley	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Chadwick	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Civera	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Clark	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Clymer	Horsey	Petrone	True
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
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Colaella	Jadlowiec	Piccola	Van Horne
Colaizzo	James	Pistella	Veon
Conti	Jarolin	Pitts	Vitali
Cornell	Josephs	Platts	Walko
Corpora	Kaiser	Preston	Washington
Corrigan	Keller	Ramos	Waugh
Coy	Kenney	Raymond	Williams
Curry	King	Readshaw	Wogan
Daley	Kirkland	Reber	Wozniak
DeLuca	Krebs	Rieger	Wright, D. R.
Dempsey	Kukovich	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Dent	LaGrotta	Robinson	Yewcic
Dermody	Laughlin	Roebuck	Youngblood
DeWeese	Lawless	Rohrer	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lederer	Rooney	Zug
Donatucci	Leh	Rubley	
Druce	Lescovitz	Sainato	Ryan,
Egolf	Levdansky	Santoni	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

Carn	Taylor, J.
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EXCUSED-13

Bebko-Jones	Gruitza	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Merry	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio
Durham			

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. KUKOVICH offered the following amendment No. A5858:

Amend Title, page 1, line 3, by removing the period after "rights" and inserting

; and providing for judicial assignment to orphans' court.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 25 and 26

Section 3. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2514. Assignment to orphans' court.

A judge who adjudicated the child dependent or who has conducted disposition review hearings or other dependency proceedings involving the child may be assigned to the orphans' court division for the purpose of hearing proceedings relating to the involuntary termination of parental rights, under this subchapter, of a parent of the dependent child.

Amend Sec. 3, page 3, line 26, by striking out "3" and inserting

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the Kukovich amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kukovich.

Mr. KUKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is not a technical amendment; it is a substantive amendment, but the prime sponsor of the bill has agreed to it. The identical language has been passed in this chamber a year ago about 195 to nothing and prior to that in a previous session 199 to nothing.

All it does is allow for a judge who has adjudicated a dependent child to continue with that case for other purposes such as adoption. The purpose, especially in midsize counties, is to streamline and expedite the process, save the county some money, and speed the process up so a dependent child can get into a family setting in a quicker and more stable manner.

It has been supported by the Juvenile Court Judges Commission and other child advocates, and I would ask the members to once again vote "yes" on the amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question, does the gentleman, Mr. Krebs, seek recognition?

Mr. KREBS. Yes. I support this amendment. I think it is a good addition to the bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-188

Adolph	Evans	Lucy	Saylor
Allen	Fairchild	Lynch	Schroder
Argall	Fajt	Maitland	Schuler
Armstrong	Fargo	Major	Semmel
Baker	Farmer	Manderino	Serafini
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Barley	Fichter	Marsico	Sheehan
Battisto	Fleagle	Masland	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	Mayermik	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gamble	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Bishop	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Blaum	George	Melio	Steelman
Boscota	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gladeck	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Godshall	Miller	Stish
Browne	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	Nyce	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carone	Hasay	Perzel	Thomas
Cawley	Hennessey	Pesci	Tigue
Chadwick	Herman	Petrarca	Trello
Civera	Hershey	Petrone	Trich
Clark	Hess	Pettit	True
Clymer	Horsy	Phillips	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Piccola	Vance
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Pistella	Van Horne
Colafella	Jadlowiec	Pitts	Veon
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Conti	Jarolin	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
Corpora	Kaiser	Raymond	Waugh
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Williams
Coy	Kenney	Reber	Wogan
Curry	King	Rieger	Wozniak
Daley	Kirkland	Roberts	Wright, D. R.
DeLuca	Krebs	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Kukovich	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dent	Laughlin	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dermody	Lawless	Rooney	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lederer	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Leh	Sainato	
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Santoni	Ryan,
Druce	Levdansky	Sather	Speaker
Egolf	Lloyd		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

LaGrotta

EXCUSED-13

Bebko-Jones	Gruitza	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Merry	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio
Durham			

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS-187

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Bard	Feese	Manderino	Serafini
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Coy	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams
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Dermody	Lawless	Rohrer	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lederer	Rooney	Zug
DiGirolamo	Leh	Rubley	
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Sainato	Ryan,
Druce	Levdansky	Santoni	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

LaGrotta Wright, D. R.

EXCUSED-13

Bebko-Jones	Gruitza	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Merry	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio
Durham			

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

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

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2076, PN 2626**, entitled:

An Act providing for the creation of a Statewide Child Day-Care Resource and Referral System in this Commonwealth; and imposing additional responsibilities upon the State Data Center and the Department of Public Welfare.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 2076 be recommitted to the Committee on Aging and Youth.

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

BILLS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. All the balance of the bills on page 2 are over. The Chair hears no objection.

All the bills on page 3, without objection, are over. The Chair hears none.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. All the bills and resolutions on page 4 and page 5 are over, without objection. The Chair hears none.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. DiGIROLAMO called up **HR 252, PN 2777**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 15 through 19, 1996, as "Students in Free Enterprise Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	Fargo	Maitland	Semmel
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Druce	Levdansky	Sather	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

LaGrotta	Petrone
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EXCUSED-13

Bebko-Jones	Gruitza	Olasz	Scrimenti
Cappabianca	Merry	Reinard	Steil
Cowell	Mihalich	Rudy	Travaglio
Durham			

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. It has come to the attention of the Chair that today is a very special day. Today is Fred Trello's birthday. It was not that special.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 256, PN 2802 (Amended) By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading of criminal conspiracy and for aggravated assault.

JUDICIARY.

HB 1182, PN 2801 (Amended) By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing police officers to record certain oral communications; providing for authority to purchase surveillance devices; and providing for windshield obstructions and wipers.

JUDICIARY.

HB 1513, PN 1770 By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for sex offenders.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2152, PN 2800 (Amended) By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act establishing the Prison Medical Services Program within the Department of Corrections.

JUDICIARY.

SB 432, PN 1565 (Amended) By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mediation in divorce and custody matters and for disclosure of child support arrearage information; and adding the definition of "consumer reporting agency."

JUDICIARY.

SB 619, PN 1566 (Amended) By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential mediation communications and documents.

JUDICIARY.

SB 635, PN 1567 (Amended)

By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act authorizing the Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Welfare, county commissioners, boards of inspectors or other officials in charge of correctional facilities to establish inmate work force programs.

JUDICIARY.

SB 1052, PN 1163

By Rep. PICCOLA

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for criminal victim aid good Samaritan civil immunity.

JUDICIARY.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gladeck. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. GLADECK. I would like to make an announcement, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. GLADECK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of the membership here, the Labor Relations Committee—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The House will come to order.

I do not believe there are any more votes to be taken, but there are some important announcements.

Mr. Gladeck.

Mr. GLADECK. I would like to announce that the Labor Relations Committee meeting that was called for tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the majority caucus room is canceled until further notice. Thank you.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. To make an announcement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the State Government Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, is going to be scheduled at 1:15 today. That is at 1:15 today in room 40 of the East Wing. The State Government Committee meeting will be rescheduled today at 1:15 in room 40. Will all members please take notice. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Now, I would like your attention.

Tomorrow we will go into session at 11 a.m. as usual. There will be no votes taken tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEARING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Micozzie.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Mr. Speaker, the public hearing that was scheduled out in Beaver County for Thursday has been canceled because of the pending snowstorm that they are talking about. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
Are there any further announcements? Reports of committees?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I just got another message – late news item.
Today is also Art Hershey’s birthday.

Does the majority leader or Democratic floor leader have anything further?

All right, there will be no further votes today. The Chair will stay open to do some housekeeping.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Serafini, desires recognition.

Mr. SERAFINI. Mr. Speaker, a meeting of the Liquor Control Committee scheduled for tomorrow will be canceled.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
Mr. SERAFINI. Thank you.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be removed from the table:

- HB 1182;
- SB 432; and
- HB 2189.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

- HB 1182;
- SB 432; and
- HB 2189.

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

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2196 By Representatives SCHULER, BARLEY, PLATTS, COY, YOUNGBLOOD, STRITTMATTER and STEELMAN

An Act mending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, further providing for distributions from the State Racing Fund.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2197 By Representatives FARMER, E. Z. TAYLOR, PETTIT, FARGO, MARSICO, FAIRCHILD, SEMMEL, WALKO, D. W. SNYDER, THOMAS, SATHER, STEELMAN, TIGUE and LEDERER

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for durable powers of attorney.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 14, 1995.

No. 2198 By Representatives ZUG, GEIST, TRELLO, KREBS, EGOLF, BELARDI, HANNA, PESCI, LYNCH, MERRY and CIVERA

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L. , No.18) known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, requiring the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to make payments in lieu of taxes for State parks.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 14, 1995.

No. 2199 By Representatives MAITLAND, FARGO, E. Z. TAYLOR, FLEAGLE, GODSHALL, NICKOL, WAUGH, HERMAN, BROWNE, DALEY, COLAIZZO, FAJT and RUBLEY

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the minimum amount of capital stock and franchise tax; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2200 By Representatives ITKIN, LAUGHLIN, KIRKLAND, M. COHEN, BELFANTI, BELARDI, THOMAS, WALKO, RAMOS, READSHAW and TRELLO

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for prohibition of the delegation of certain powers.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, November 14, 1995.

No. 2201 By Representatives GEIST, GAMBLE, ZUG, HESS, ARGALL, SCHULER, RUBLEY, TIGUE, STAIRS, BROWNE, SAYLOR, STERN, STEELMAN, McCALL, OLASZ, MILLER, BATTISTO, DEMPSEY, LEVDANSKY, JOSEPHS, BAKER, LYNCH, DALEY, LEDERER, MARKOSEK, PETTIT, GORDNER, NICKOL, PESCI, B. SMITH, SATHER, WALKO, FARGO, CARONE, TRELLO, LAUGHLIN, TANGRETTI, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, MARSICO, McGILL, RAYMOND, HALUSKA, BARD, LEH, FAIRCHILD, MELIO, CAPPABIANCA, STRITTMATTER, BROWN, DRUCE, S. H. SMITH, PETRARCA, SANTONI, DERMODY, MIHALICH and ROBERTS

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of the electorate, for loans to owners of public airports for capital improvements, facilities and equipment; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Airport Capital Loan Fund; adding provisions relating to rail freight preservation and improvement; establishing the Pennsylvania Railroad Authority; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Railway Capital Loan Fund; and making a repeal.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2202 By Representatives GEIST, STERN, HESS, PETTIT, S. H. SMITH, LEH, STAIRS, DERMODY, SATHER, HALUSKA, E. Z. TAYLOR, FARGO, TRELLO, MERRY, SERAFINI, BELFANTI, BAKER, LYNCH, BATTISTO, PESCI, BELARDI, HENNESSEY, COLAIZZO, SAYLOR, NICKOL and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act transferring the Rail Safety Division of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to the Department of Transportation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2203 By Representatives GEIST, FARGO, STERN, FLEAGLE, PHILLIPS, HESS, MERRY, FARMER, HENNESSEY, BELFANTI, LUCYK and SATHER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the rate of the inheritance tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2204 By Representatives GEIST, ARMSTRONG, FLEAGLE, MILLER, YOUNGBLOOD, TRUE, L. I. COHEN, SERAFINI, TRELLO, PESCI, BELARDI, MERRY, PETTIT, HENNESSEY, FAJT, DALEY and E. Z. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "offensive weapons" to include blowguns and blowdarts.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 14, 1995.

No. 2205 By Representatives O'BRIEN, KUKOVICH, CIVERA, STERN, SATHER, B. SMITH, PHILLIPS, FAIRCHILD, ALLEN, BAKER, STAIRS, NYCE, HERMAN, MARKOSEK, GEIST, WAUGH, COY, PLATTS, GORDNER, SAYLOR, FARGO, FICHTER, BEBKO-JONES, HALUSKA, JAROLIN, STABACK, NAILOR, MAITLAND, NICKOL, E. Z. TAYLOR, RUBLEY, READSHAW, DALEY, CLYMER, SCHRODER, LUCYK, SCRIMENTI, LaGROTTA, L. I. COHEN, HESS, MARSICO, SERAFINI, ROBERTS, RUDY and McGEEHAN

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies; and making an appropriation by referendum.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, November 14, 1995.

No. 2206 By Representatives DEMPSEY, L. I. COHEN, COLAIZZO, GORDNER, FEESE, FARGO, MARKOSEK, PHILLIPS, YOUNGBLOOD, CORRIGAN, MICOZZIE, VAN HORNE, TRELLO, HESS, PETRARCA, GEORGE, E. Z. TAYLOR, STEELMAN, ITKIN, HENNESSEY, ROHRER, BOSCOLA, SAINATO, LEH and BATTISTO

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemption of entities and vehicles from fees.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2207 By Representatives VAN HORNE, GORDNER, BELARDI, READSHAW, CORRIGAN, THOMAS, BEBKO-JONES, TULLI, BROWNE, ROBERTS, LAUGHLIN, CLARK, PESCI, BROWN, WALKO, ITKIN, CURRY, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, YOUNGBLOOD, SEMMEL, MERRY, DeLUCA, M. COHEN and CAPPABIANCA

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for parents' advisory committees.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2208 By Representatives PITTS, DeLUCA, SCHRODER, GORDNER, RUBLEY, ARMSTRONG, E. Z. TAYLOR, MERRY, STISH, FICHTER, FARGO, NICKOL, L. I. COHEN, SAYLOR, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, STERN, McGEEHAN, NYCE, PETTIT, HERSHEY, GEIST, KIRKLAND, SEMMEL and SERAFINI

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for the annual audits of certain pension funds by the Department of the Auditor General.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2209 By Representative M. N. WRIGHT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for payments on account of transportation of nonpublic school pupils.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2210 By Representatives ADOLPH, MICOZZIE, COLAFELLA, FLEAGLE, COLAIZZO, DRUCE, WALKO, GLADECK, MASLAND, FAJT, MARSICO, FEESE, D. W. SNYDER, SEMMEL, CORNELL, STABACK, TIGUE, GODSHALL, CLYMER, CLARK, DENT, BAKER, LaGROTTA, GRUPPO, M. N. WRIGHT, BROWN, VANCE, MAJOR, CAPPABIANCA, CIVERA, BATTISTO, SANTONI, GANNON, RUBLEY, PHILLIPS, GORDNER, LEVDANSKY, PETTIT, BARD, McCALL, SCHRODER, STISH, KREBS, CONTI, CHADWICK, HALUSKA, MICHLOVIC, DiGIROLAMO, LEH, SAYLOR, NICKOL, PLATTS, O'BRIEN, S. H. SMITH, TULLI, SHANER, ITKIN, MERRY, TRELLO, FARMER, ALLEN and KING

An Act amending the act of October 15, 1975 (P.L.390, No.111), known as the Health Care Services Malpractice Act, further providing for liability insurance and the Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2211 By Representatives HABAY, PETTIT, FARMER, BARD, HALUSKA, FARGO, MARKOSEK, ROBERTS, STISH, HENNESSEY, CORRIGAN, RAMOS, S. H. SMITH, D. W. SNYDER, E. Z. TAYLOR, REBER, SEMMEL, WAUGH, SERAFINI, GEIST, PLATTS, SCHRODER, MILLER, SAYLOR, NICKOL, RUBLEY, HERMAN, HESS, BAKER, SATHER, L. I. COHEN, FAIRCHILD, DEMPSEY, STERN, ARGALL, LYNCH, FICHTER, J. TAYLOR, MARSICO, BELARDI, GORDNER, LUCYK, RUDY, McCALL, BATTISTO and DeLUCA

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, November 14, 1995.

No. 2212 By Representative FAJT

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for additional deductions; and making an editorial change.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 14, 1995.

No. 2213 By Representatives VEON, ROONEY, COY, COLAFELLA, LAUGHLIN, READSHAW, CURRY, JOSEPHS, THOMAS, BATTISTO, KIRKLAND, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, STEELMAN, RAMOS, M. COHEN, YOUNGBLOOD, SHANER, BELFANTI and LEDERER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the public disclosure of accreditation reports.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2214 By Representatives VEON, WALKO, ROBINSON, LEVDANSKY, CARONE, RAMOS, TRELLO, MELIO and LAUGHLIN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for mergers of school districts and for payments and subsidies.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 14, 1995.

No. 2215 By Representatives VEON, WALKO, ROBINSON, LEVDANSKY, CARONE, RAMOS, TRELLO, MELIO, DeLUCA and LAUGHLIN

An Act providing for development of a countywide school district plan by the State Board of Education, for hearings and a report and for responsibilities of the State Board of Education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 14, 1995.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 250 By Representatives L. I. COHEN, ITKIN, DeWEESE, BARLEY, CURRY, KENNEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, RUBLEY, BARD, MELIO, STRITTMATTER, FARGO, BAKER, SATHER, GODSHALL, MUNDY, STEELMAN, TRICH, HANNA, JOSEPHS, M. COHEN, MCGILL, SCHRODER and MASLAND

A Resolution expressing condolences to the people of Israel on the occasion of the violent assassination of their valiant and heroic son, Yitzhak Rabin, one of the greatest men of history, and confirming hope for the continuation of efforts to achieve security for Israel through peace in the Middle East.

Referred to Committee on RULES, November 14, 1995.

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the remaining bill on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Do the Republican or Democratic floor leaders have any further business?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Walko.

Mr. WALKO. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, November 15, 1995, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:12 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.