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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. F. KENNETH HOFFER, guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives and supply pastor of Mount Culmen Evangelical Congregational Church, East Earl, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

To the esteemed Representatives of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I want to thank you for this honor extended to me which I deeply consider an awesome responsibility. I am both humbled and honored to be invited.

I want to preface our opening prayer with three brief quotes from God's Word. The first is taken from the Old Testament, the Book of 2 Chronicles 7:14, which says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

The writer of Romans, in the New Testament, 13:1, said "that governments are ordained of God," and the writer of 1 Timothy 2:1-2 said "that we are to pray for those in authority over us."

Please join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "woe to those who call evil good," and that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium. We have inverted our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truths of Your Word in the name of moral pluralism.

We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it a lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. And we have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

Father, in the name of choice, we have killed our unborn, and then in the name of right to life, we have killed abortionists.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political

savvy. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it taxes.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

And now we pray: Search us, O God, and know our hearts today, try us and show us any wickedness, and then cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been ordained by You to govern this great State -- the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Grant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.

I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal for Tuesday, February 4, 1997, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 200 By Representatives FARGO, HENNESSEY, ROHRER, HALUSKA, HERSHEY, TRELLO, D. W. SNYDER, JADLOWIEC, BROWN, SEMMEL, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, HESS, HARHART, PRESTON, CLARK, BUXTON, BELARDI, MILLER, E. Z. TAYLOR, TULLI, READSHAW, McCALL, THOMAS, DEMPSEY, GODSHALL, ARMSTRONG, TRAVAGLIO, LEH, CHADWICK, FICHTER, SCHULER, HUTCHINSON, TRUE, STERN, COLAFELLA, WILT, LYNCH, STEVENSON, RAYMOND and SAYLOR

An Act providing for wetlands conservation and management; further providing for eminent domain; providing for penalties and remedies; establishing the Wetlands Conservation Fund; conferring powers and duties upon the Department of Environmental Protection; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 245 By Representatives PESCI, JAROLIN, SAINATO, DeLUCA, CAWLEY, OLIVER, MELIO, WALKO, TRELLO, BELARDI, VAN HORNE, TRAVAGLIO, OLASZ, PRESTON, DALEY, ITKIN, BUTKOVITZ, BOSCOLA, GIGLIOTTI, COLAFELLA, HORSEY and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, providing for the issuance of the Keystone Card.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 246 By Representatives PESCI, JAROLIN, CAWLEY, TRELLO, BELARDI, TRAVAGLIO, PRESTON, DALEY, BOSCOLA, GIGLIOTTI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for reimbursement for the procedure artificial insemination.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 247 By Representatives PESCI, JAROLIN, SAINATO, CAWLEY, B. SMITH, BELARDI, HERSHEY, SAYLOR, PRESTON, DALEY, SEYFERT, GIGLIOTTI, FARGO, COLAFELLA and E. Z. TAYLOR

An Act designating a certain bridge connecting Apollo Borough, Armstrong County, and Oklahoma Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Governor Tom Ridge Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 248 By Representatives PESCI, HENNESSEY, JAROLIN, SAINATO, GORDNER, DeLUCA, CAWLEY, B. SMITH, LAUGHLIN, ROBINSON, STABACK, VAN HORNE, FAIRCHILD, TRAVAGLIO, HERSHEY, BATTISTO, STURLA, PRESTON, DALEY, ITKIN, STERN, STETLER, BELFANTI, COY, FARGO, COLAFELLA, HANNA, TIGUE and STEELMAN

An Act authorizing counties to impose sales and use or personal income taxes or in certain circumstances a combination of both; authorizing municipalities to impose personal income and municipal service taxes; empowering municipalities to require county sales and use taxes; authorizing school districts to impose taxes on personal income; providing for the levying, assessment and collection of such taxes; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer; and providing for limitations on spending by counties, municipalities and school districts.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 249 By Representatives TANGRETTI, GORDNER, FICHTER, CLARK, ARGALL, COLAIZZO, SHANER, TIGUE, CURRY, SANTONI, B. SMITH, CAWLEY, READSHAW, SAINATO, FLICK, WALKO, M. N. WRIGHT, BELARDI, GEIST, MANDERINO, VAN HORNE, STABACK, MICHLOVIC, DERMODY, BLAUM, PLATTS, VEON, MELIO,

BAKER, MICOZZIE, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, NAILOR, McCALL, DEMPSEY, LEDERER, DeLUCA, KELLER, HALUSKA, DENT, PRESTON, ITKIN, CORPORA, RAMOS, SCRIMENTI, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, MARKOSEK, ROONEY, CASORIO, SURRA, GIGLIOTTI, CAPPABIANCA, JAROLIN, OLASZ, FAIRCHILD, PESCI, COLAFELLA, COY, TRAVAGLIO, LAUGHLIN, JOSEPHS, TRELLO, PETRARCA, LUCYK, HENNESSEY, STEELMAN, BENNINGHOFF, STETLER, BELFANTI, KAISER, REBER, TRICH, BARRAR and THOMAS

An Act providing for a loan program for local police agencies funded by a bond issuance; establishing the Police Agency Loan Division in the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and conferring powers and duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 5, 1997.

No. 250 By Representatives FARGO, B. SMITH, RUBLEY, HUTCHINSON, SATHER, BARLEY, NAILOR, FLICK, GEIST, HERSHEY, S. H. SMITH, TRELLO, SHANER, BROWN, SCHRODER, SEMMEL, DRUCE, JOSEPHS, CLARK, MASLAND, EGOLF, BELARDI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TULLI, MAITLAND, READSHAW, ARMSTRONG, ROHRER, WAUGH, TRAVAGLIO, LEH, BUNT, DEMPSEY, GODSHALL, SCHULER, FAIRCHILD, TRUE, LYNCH, STEVENSON, SEYFERT and STERN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, abolishing joint and several liability.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 251 By Representatives COY, BATTISTO, WOJNAROSKI, RAMOS, STERN, BOSCOLA, McCALL, ROONEY, BROWN, EGOLF, YOUNGBLOOD, JAROLIN, OLIVER, STABACK, BELARDI, RUBLEY, FAIRCHILD, VAN HORNE, CORRIGAN, BROWNE and E. Z. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the penalty for violation of the duty of a driver when approaching a school bus displaying flashing red signal lights.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 252 By Representatives TULLI, GEIST, RAYMOND, MARSICO, VANCE, EGOLF, BELARDI, WAUGH, TRELLO, McCALL, WOGAN, HENNESSEY, MAITLAND, ITKIN, BROWNE, SATHER, LYNCH, STERN and BELFANTI

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the use of communication equipment.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 253 By Representatives BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, NAILOR, MAITLAND, ZUG, DALEY, GORDNER, HENNESSEY, SURRA, ITKIN, FICHTER, PHILLIPS, FARGO, SAINATO, HALUSKA, OLASZ, TIGUE, COY, McCALL, HERSHEY, LUCYK, STABACK, TRELLO, SHANER, BROWNE, LYNCH, PETTIT, RAMOS, BOSCOLA, STEELMAN, WAUGH, E. Z. TAYLOR, ROHRER, BELFANTI, DeLUCA, CLARK, CIVERA and BARRAR

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an interstate firefighting and emergency services compact.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 5, 1997.

No. 254 By Representatives BAKER, ZUG, FICHTER, HERMAN, EGOLF, McCALL, HERSHEY, LYNCH, STEELMAN, WAUGH, MILLER, E. Z. TAYLOR, ROHRER, STERN and FLICK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with a contractor to privatize and decentralize certain operations; and making repeals.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 255 By Representatives BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, LEDERER, WOJNAROSKI, HENNESSEY, ITKIN, COLAFELLA, McCALL, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, LYNCH, BOSCOLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, DIGIROLAMO and CAWLEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a "USA-made" registration plate.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 256 By Representatives BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, WALKO, HALUSKA, MELIO, FICHTER, SAINATO, GORDNER, JADLOWIEC, ITKIN, OLASZ, COY, McCALL, JOSEPHS, LaGROTTA, HERMAN, ALLEN, BROWNE, CARONE, BOSCOLA, MILLER, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, GANNON, ROONEY, L. I. COHEN, SCHRODER, TRICH and THOMAS

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 257 By Representatives BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, LAUGHLIN, HENNESSEY, MARSICO, SATHER, FICHTER, MELIO, SAINATO, PESCI, PLATTS, OLASZ, STABACK, HERMAN, TRELLO, JAMES, PETRARCA, SEMMEL, E. Z. TAYLOR, BOSCOLA, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, ROONEY, BELARDI and L. I. COHEN

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prevention of abductions; conferring powers and duties on the Department of Health, on the Department of Public Welfare and on State comptrollers; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 5, 1997.

No. 258 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, STURLA, DeLUCA, WALKO, TIGUE, MUNDY, TRELLO, SHANER, SAINATO, READSHAW, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, FAIRCHILD, MELIO, LEVDANSKY, GEIST, DALEY, BOSCOLA, McCALL, ROONEY, PESCI, COLAFELLA, L. I. COHEN and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, eliminating the minimum capital stock and franchise tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 259 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, ITKIN, CORPORA, TANGRETTI, WALKO, TRELLO, STABACK, SHANER, SAINATO, OLASZ, DALEY, BOSCOLA and PESCI

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for health insurance premium assistance.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 260 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, TANGRETTI, DALEY, ITKIN, MELIO, BELARDI, WALKO, TRELLO, SHANER, SAINATO, READSHAW, STURLA, VAN HORNE, McCALL, PESCI, SURRA and L. I. COHEN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for reimbursement of police officers' salaries.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 261 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, DeLUCA, BOSCOLA, WALKO, MUNDY, TRELLO, STABACK, SAINATO, READSHAW, SAYLOR, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, MELIO, DALEY, EGOLF, GORDNER, PESCI, KELLER and CASORIO

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 262 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, ITKIN, BELARDI, TIGUE, TRELLO, STABACK, TANGRETTI, GEIST, DALEY, MELIO, RAMOS, CARONE, PESCI and COLAFELLA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, requiring casualty insurance companies to offer liability coverage for township officials for errors and omissions occurring while performing their official duties.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 263 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, MELIO, DALEY, BOSCOLA, WALKO, TIGUE, TRELLO, STABACK, SHANER, READSHAW, TANGRETTI, LEDERER, RAMOS, BUTKOVITZ, BROWN, McCALL, ROONEY, PESCI and COLAFELLA

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the purchase of credit for either nonintervening or intervening military service by surviving spouses.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 264 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, ITKIN, MELIO, DALEY, OLASZ, TANGRETTI, BELARDI, WALKO, TIGUE, TRELLO, SHANER and PESCI

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unauthorized solicitation of agreements authorizing an attorney at law to perform legal services; and providing for representation in assessment appeals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 265 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, ITKIN, BELARDI, TRELLO, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, RAMOS, DeLUCA, MELIO, WALKO, DALEY, BUTKOVITZ, READSHAW, SHANER, PISTELLA, PESCI and STEELMAN

An Act providing for the registration of commercial house inspectors and for additional powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; and providing for rules and regulations and for penalties.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, February 5, 1997.

No. 266 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, ITKIN, BELARDI, TIGUE, TRELLO, STABACK, SHANER, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, MELIO, SCHRODER, DALEY, RAMOS, McCALL and PESCI

An Act requiring Federal and State governmental departments and agencies, public utilities and pipeline entities to notify municipalities of any governmental project or proceeding that would involve the taking of real property within the municipality.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, February 5, 1997.

No. 267 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, DeLUCA, TRELLO, WALKO, RAMOS, LEVDANSKY, SHANER, SAINATO, READSHAW, BELARDI, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, FAIRCHILD, MELIO, BUTKOVITZ, DALEY, C. WILLIAMS, TRICH, PISTELLA, McCALL, ROONEY, PESCI, COLAFELLA and LaGROTTA

An Act amending the act of December 21, 1988 (P.L.1871, No.181), known as the Small Business Advocate Act, further providing for the Office of Small Business Advocate and for its powers and duties.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 268 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, VAN HORNE, TRELLO, READSHAW, PESCI, DALEY, WALKO, BELARDI, SHANER, TANGRETTI, LYNCH, MELIO, ITKIN, GIGLIOTTI, FARGO, MIHALICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act redesignating the Pullman Viaduct (SR 3001) in Butler County as the Picklegate Crossing.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 269 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, THOMAS, ROONEY, TIGUE, PISTELLA, RAMOS, READSHAW, STABACK, CARONE, PESCI, DALEY, HENNESSEY, BELARDI, SHANER, TANGRETTI, FAIRCHILD, MELIO, ITKIN, GIGLIOTTI, BELFANTI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for notification of certain licenses, permits and contracts to municipalities.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 270 By Representatives SAYLOR, FICHTER, HENNESSEY, BARD, BELARDI, PLATTS, YOUNGBLOOD, EGOLF, WAUGH, TIGUE, MUNDY, BATTISTO, LYNCH, TRELLO, SHANER, NICKOL, HUTCHINSON, WOJNAROSKI, BROWNE, BEBKO-JONES, DIGIROLAMO, McCALL, COY, BOSCOLA, SCRIMENTI, MILLER, STEVENSON, C. WILLIAMS and STEELMAN

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for alimony.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 271 By Representatives SAYLOR, BOYES, TRELLO, E. Z. TAYLOR, ORIE, PESCI, ALLEN, TIGUE, RUBLEY, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, TULLI, PLATTS, ARMSTRONG, HERSHEY, B. SMITH, SCHULER, WAUGH, BATTISTO, LAUGHLIN, BAKER, McCALL, MILLER, LUCYK, HANNA, STEELMAN and TRICH

An Act authorizing school districts to impose taxes on personal income; providing for the levying, assessment and collection of such taxes; providing for a homestead exemption; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 272 By Representatives SAYLOR, E. Z. TAYLOR, ARGALL, NAILOR, MCGILL, BELARDI, PLATTS, SEMMEL, CLARK, YOUNGBLOOD, MASLAND, EGOLF, MELIO, WAUGH, TIGUE, RUBLEY, TRELLO, STABACK, READSHAW, SAINATO, LEDERER, NICKOL, FAIRCHILD, LAUGHLIN, BARD, COWELL, SHANER, FEESE, RAMOS, ITKIN, PETTIT, FARGO, MILLER and J. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for attainment of full age.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 273 By Representatives SAYLOR, BROWNE, SEMMEL, HERSHEY, GODSHALL, RUBLEY, LYNCH, HENNESSEY, TRELLO, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, DEMPSEY, McCALL, PRESTON, SCHRODER, E. Z. TAYLOR, MILLER and L. I. COHEN

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 exclusions for sales tax relating to food and beverages.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 274 By Representatives SAYLOR, GORDNER, B. SMITH, BATTISTO, PETTIT, FARGO, MILLER, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR and LEH

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 275 By Representatives SAYLOR, MICOZZIE, PHILLIPS, HENNESSEY, KAISER, GORDNER, DeLUCA, WALKO, COWELL, STAIRS, RUBLEY, TRELLO, SHANER, PLATTS, HERSHEY, FAIRCHILD, MICHLOVIC, DEMPSEY, ITKIN, SCRIMENTI, NICKOL, McCALL, MILLER and E. Z. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for mayors' association dues.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 276 By Representatives SAYLOR, GEIST, PLATTS, BELARDI, CLARK, YOUNGBLOOD, EGOLF, KAISER, MELIO, LYNCH, TRELLO, STABACK, FAIRCHILD, SATHER, OLASZ, SHANER, McCALL, PRESTON, ITKIN, PETTIT, E. Z. TAYLOR and STEELMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring reflective tape on the harnesses of animals pulling animal-drawn vehicles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 277 By Representatives SAYLOR, NAILOR, FLEAGLE, BUNT, FICHTER, SEMMEL, PLATTS, EGOLF, KAISER, HERSHEY, SCHULER, MELIO, WAUGH, TIGUE, RUBLEY, LYNCH, TRELLO, WOGAN, READSHAW, ARGALL, SAINATO, LEDERER, BARD, CLYMER, SATHER, FEESE, PETTIT, TRUE, E. Z. TAYLOR, FARGO, MILLER, BOYES, COLAFELLA, HORSEY and DRUCE

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for qualifications of Auditor General and State Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 278 By Representatives SAYLOR, WAUGH, FICHTER, FLICK, SEMMEL, NICKOL, B. SMITH, VANCE, PLATTS, MELIO, SANTONI, ALLEN, D. W. SNYDER, GODSHALL, RUBLEY, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, MASLAND, STEIL, BROWNE, SCHRODER, STURLA, DEMPSEY, MAITLAND, BOSCOLA, BARD, DENT, ROONEY, STETLER, SCHULER, BIRMELIN, MILLER, ROHRER, BROWN, CARONE, WILT, E. Z. TAYLOR, STRITTMATTER and LEH

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for distribution of State highway maintenance moneys.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 279 By Representatives NICKOL, STETLER, PLATTS, WAUGH, SAYLOR, B. SMITH and MASLAND

A Supplement to the act of July 11, 1996 (P.L.595, No.101), known as the Capital Budget Itemization Act for 1996-1997, itemizing public improvement projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services; stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 5, 1997.

No. 280 By Representatives HERMAN, VAN HORNE, STEIL, SCHRODER, BELARDI, ARMSTRONG, PESCI, SHANER, BARD, TRELLO, OLASZ, E. Z. TAYLOR, BAKER, ITKIN, RUBLEY, BOSCOLA, MILLER and BELFANTI

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1974 (P.L.34, No.15), known as the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, further providing for administrative expenses.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 281 By Representatives BARD, DRUCE, TIGUE, CLARK, B. SMITH, DONATUCCI, BELARDI, PLATTS, BROWNE, ARGALL, ADOLPH, SCHRODER, YOUNGBLOOD, NAILOR, BAKER, CORNELL, PRESTON, RAYMOND, CLYMER, DALEY, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, McCALL, FARGO, ROONEY, FAIRCHILD, COY, RUBLEY, EGOLF, L. I. COHEN, GLADECK, J. TAYLOR, LEDERER, M. N. WRIGHT, SEMMEL, PETRARCA, HENNESSEY, LYNCH, STEELMAN, BENNINGHOFF, TRELLO, D. W. SNYDER, E. Z. TAYLOR, STERN and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for civil immunity for antidrug and town-watch volunteers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 282 By Representatives BARD, VANCE, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, GIGLIOTTI, NAILOR, SATHER, MELIO, SAINATO, PETTIT, FAIRCHILD, OLASZ, BAKER, RUBLEY, EGOLF, WOJNAROSKI, McCALL, HERMAN, LAUGHLIN, MYERS, COLAFELLA, STEELMAN, JAMES, PETRARCA, GEIST, BROWNE, CORNELL, HENNESSEY, HESS, RAMOS, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, BOSCOLA, TRELLO, MILLER, BELFANTI, ROONEY, BELARDI, CAWLEY and L. I. COHEN

An Act establishing, on a demonstration basis, a volunteer service credit program; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Aging.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 5, 1997.

No. 283 By Representatives BARD, RUBLEY, COY, GEORGE, BUNT, GIGLIOTTI, PESCI, GORDNER, OLASZ, B. SMITH, FAIRCHILD, READSHAW, TIGUE, STABACK, REBER, VAN HORNE, SCHRODER, MARKOSEK, CASORIO, DeLUCA, ITKIN, STEELMAN, CIVERA, E. Z. TAYLOR, LEVDANSKY, HERMAN, SURRA, MELIO, MANDERINO, CARONE, TRAVAGLIO, HALUSKA, PLATTS, McCALL, GEIST, CORNELL, L. I. COHEN, SAYLOR, LAUGHLIN, CORPORA, GODSHALL, ROONEY, HENNESSEY, COLAFELLA and MILLER

An Act amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, further providing for property tax and rent rebate.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 284 By Representatives BARD, RUBLEY, COY, BUNT, GIGLIOTTI, PESCI, GORDNER, OLASZ, JADLOWIEC, FAIRCHILD, READSHAW, SATHER, STABACK, REBER, MARKOSEK, C. WILLIAMS, WOGAN, DeLUCA, ITKIN, STEELMAN, CIVERA, E. Z. TAYLOR, MELIO, HALUSKA, TRAVAGLIO, PLATTS, McCALL, TULLI, FARGO, GEIST, CORNELL, L. I. COHEN, SAYLOR, LAUGHLIN, CORPORA, GODSHALL, ROONEY, HENNESSEY and COLAFELLA

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an exemption from filing a personal income tax return and paying personal income tax for certain persons.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 285 By Representatives SHANER, TRELLO, ROONEY, TIGUE, PETTIT, HALUSKA, DEMPSEY, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, STABACK, DALEY, PETRARCA, WALKO, BOSCOLA, SAINATO, MELIO, PRESTON, COLAFELLA and BELFANTI

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for theft of rental property.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 286 By Representatives BUXTON, TRELLO, ROONEY, McCALL, COY, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, BOSCOLA, CURRY, RAMOS, STABACK, PETRARCA, BARD, JOSEPHS, McGEEHAN, BATTISTO, ARGALL, ITKIN, BUTKOVITZ, BELFANTI, LUCYK, STETLER, BELARDI, SCRIMENTI and STEELMAN

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 statement of public policy; increasing the total amount of annual neighborhood assistance tax credit granted; providing for the designation of certain enterprise zones as recycling manufacturing zones; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; providing tax credits for investments in recycling manufacturing zones; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 287 By Representatives BUXTON, STETLER, TULLI, TRELLO, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, DEMPSEY, RAMOS, COWELL, WOJNAROSKI, ITKIN, MIHALICH, BELARDI and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, authorizing certain board of school directors to levy different rates of taxation for school purposes on land and on buildings.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 288 By Representatives BUXTON, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, TRELLO, MUNDY, COY, MICHLOVIC, CURRY, RAMOS, MELIO, MIHALICH, GIGLIOTTI, THOMAS and BELARDI

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, further providing for placement of escrow funds; and authorizing the Attorney General to obtain certain information from financial institutions regarding escrow funds.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, February 5, 1997.

No. 289 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, ROONEY, ARMSTRONG, SANTONI, STETLER, DEMPSEY, BELARDI, STABACK, RUBLEY, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER and SCRIMENTI

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P.L.901, No.399), known as the Optional Third Class City Charter Law, authorizing the adoption of property maintenance ordinances; and further providing for fines and penalties.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, February 5, 1997.

No. 290 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, ROONEY, SANTONI, STETLER, BELARDI, STABACK, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, SCRIMENTI and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for limitations on owners and for purchases from the repository for unsold property.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 291 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, ROONEY, SANTONI, BELARDI, STABACK, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, SCRIMENTI, THOMAS and ARMSTRONG

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, restricting the rights of certain persons to purchase property subject to sale under this act; and imposing additional powers and duties on local municipalities and tax claim bureaus.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 292 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, ROONEY, SANTONI, BELARDI, STABACK, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, SCRIMENTI and RUBLEY

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, authorizing the adoption of property maintenance ordinances; and further providing for fines and penalties.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, February 5, 1997.

No. 293 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, SANTONI, BELARDI, STABACK, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, SCRIMENTI, RUBLEY and DEMPSEY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the crime of municipal housing code avoidance.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 294 By Representatives BUXTON, CAWLEY, VAN HORNE, TIGUE, SANTONI, BELARDI, STABACK, BROWNE, ARGALL, STURLA, MELIO, BOSCOLA, MIHALICH, CAPPABIANCA, SAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, SCRIMENTI, RUBLEY, DEMPSEY, ROONEY and STETLER

An Act requiring purchasers of real estate with buildings thereon to bring the buildings into compliance with municipal codes; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 295 By Representatives BUNT, LYNCH, TIGUE, SAINATO, HALUSKA, RUBLEY, STABACK, HENNESSEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, BOSCOLA, BARD, HERSHEY, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, DeLUCA, ITKIN, TRELLO, ALLEN, DERMODY, GEIST, LAUGHLIN and LEH

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for gambling devices.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 296 By Representatives BUNT, FICHTER, GEIST, MELIO, SEMMEL, RUBLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, ADOLPH, WOGAN, PHILLIPS, DRUCE, BARD, D. W. SNYDER, BELFANTI, ROONEY, BELARDI, TRELLO, ALLEN, CIVERA, HENNESSEY, BOSCOLA and L. I. COHEN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for additional turnpike extension authorizations.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 297 By Representatives WAUGH, NAILOR, ZUG, MARSICO, MASLAND, MAITLAND, VANCE, ARMSTRONG, CLYMER, FLEAGLE, TRUE, FARGO, BARLEY, BROWN, FAIRCHILD, STEIL, HERSHEY, PLATTS, EGOLF, LEH, CORNELL, ROHRER, MILLER, SCHRODER, L. I. COHEN, CLARK, E. Z. TAYLOR, DRUCE, WILT, SAYLOR and FLICK

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for specifications of contracts by permitting exclusion of particular public work projects by certain public bodies.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, February 5, 1997.

No. 298 By Representatives WAUGH, BELARDI, ZUG, MASLAND, DALEY, LEVDANSKY, ARMSTRONG, FLEAGLE, HALUSKA, FARGO, SURRA, ITKIN, FICHTER, BROWN, PHILLIPS, OLASZ, COY, TIGUE, HERSHEY, YOUNGBLOOD, PLATTS, EGOLF, LEH, SEMMEL, LUCYK, TRELLO, BOSCOLA, MILLER, E. Z. TAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, DeLUCA, CIVERA, SAYLOR and L. I. COHEN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the designation of an emergency vehicle as a command post with appropriate green lights.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 299 By Representatives ZUG, GEIST, FAIRCHILD, LEH, FICHTER, SANTONI, LYNCH, TIGUE, FARGO, GODSHALL, BEBKO-JONES, GORDNER, BAKER, JADLOWIEC, GEORGE, SAINATO, GIGLIOTTI, DONATUCCI, HALUSKA, TRAVAGLIO, SATHER, ADOLPH, HARHART, WOJNAROSKI, SCHULER, BROWNE, MICHLOVIC, ROSS, E. Z. TAYLOR, EGOLF, PLATTS, LAUGHLIN, McCALL, LEDERER, RAMOS, PISTELLA, WILT, COLAFELLA, GLADECK, BOSCOLA, D. W. SNYDER, SAYLOR, JAMES, ROONEY, CAWLEY, RAYMOND, BARRAR, DeLUCA, BELARDI, ITKIN, B. SMITH, TRELLO, ALLEN, CIVERA, DERMODY, SURRA, MELIO and SEYFERT

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for special registration plates for Vietnam veterans.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 301 By Representatives MAITLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, L. I. COHEN, BOSCOLA, BELARDI and ITKIN

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, modifying eligibility for special early retirement in the State system.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 302 By Representatives MAITLAND, NAILOR, RUBLEY, FARGO, L. I. COHEN, ADOLPH, PETTIT, STEELMAN, BARD, BROWNE, STERN, BOSCOLA, TIGUE, ITKIN, ARMSTRONG and HENNESSEY

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, February 5, 1997.

No. 303 By Representatives MAITLAND, EGOLF, FARGO, WOGAN, LYNCH, BOSCOLA, TIGUE, SATHER, BELARDI, ITKIN and JAMES

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for an order of probation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 304 By Representatives MAITLAND, CLARK, EGOLF, LYNCH, RAMOS, BOSCOLA, TIGUE, BELARDI, ITKIN and JAMES

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, further providing for the powers of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 305 By Representatives MAITLAND, NAILOR, EGOLF, COWELL, L. I. COHEN, TIGUE, ITKIN, ARMSTRONG, GEIST and NICKOL

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the authority of the court in imposing criminal sentences.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 306 By Representatives MAITLAND, WOGAN, LYNCH, STERN and NICKOL

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the use of Court Reporting Network instruments.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 307 By Representatives MAITLAND, CARONE, MILLER, ZUG, PETTIT, STEELMAN, MASLAND, LYNCH, SATHER, NICKOL and HENNESSEY

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 definition of "sale at retail" and "use"; exempting horses, interests in horses and certain services relating to horses in certain circumstances from the sales and use tax; and exempting feed and certain other equipment from the sales and use tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 308 By Representatives MAITLAND, CLARK, CARONE, MILLER, B. SMITH, EGOLF, HERSHEY, MASLAND, LYNCH, RAMOS, STERN, GORDNER, WAUGH, TIGUE, SATHER and ARMSTRONG

An Act providing for a Statewide referendum on the question of whether Pennsylvania should have a Returnable Beverage Container Act.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 309 By Representatives MAITLAND, CARONE, EGOLF, LYNCH, WAUGH, JAMES and NICKOL

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further providing for rescue volunteers.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, February 5, 1997.

No. 310 By Representatives MAITLAND, PLATTS, HANNA, LYNCH and BOSCOLA

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for nonpartisan school board elections.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 311 By Representatives MAITLAND, HALUSKA, CLARK, FLEAGLE, READSHAW, NAILOR, SATHER, BAKER, FAIRCHILD, B. SMITH, BROWN, PLATTS, HENNESSEY, WOGAN, EGOLF, L. I. COHEN, STABACK, HERSHEY, TRUE, STEELMAN, ALLEN, LUCYK, FEESE, MASLAND, BARD, LYNCH, TIGUE, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, WILT, TRELLO, HUTCHINSON, MILLER, BATTISTO, BELARDI, ITKIN, GEIST, NICKOL and FARGO

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for chemical tests of blood or urine to determine the amount of alcohol or controlled substance.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 312 By Representatives BLAUM, GEORGE, TIGUE, MUNDY, STABACK, MICHLOVIC, OLASZ, JOSEPHS, YOUNGBLOOD, BELFANTI, JAMES, BELARDI, ITKIN, HASAY, TRELLO, MELIO, DeWEESE, TULLI and GEIST

An Act prohibiting mining in areas with active mine fires.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 313 By Representatives HABAY, PETTIT, SEMMEL, MILLER, ALLEN and GEIST

An Act providing for abandoned mine subsidence emergency assistance; establishing a mine subsidence revolving loan fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 314 By Representatives HABAY, PETTIT, TRELLO, READSHAW, LAUGHLIN, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, STEELMAN and MELIO

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for penalties for certain violations relating to malt or brewed beverages.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, February 5, 1997.

No. 315 By Representatives HABAY, CARONE, BROWNE, BARD, BOSCOLA, SAINATO, ARMSTRONG, NICKOL, MANDERINO, HANNA, JAMES, RAMOS and WILT

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for open primary elections by permitting registered independent electors to vote for the party of their choice.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 316 By Representatives HABAY, PETTIT, ITKIN, MAYERNIK, WOGAN, SAINATO, BROWN, REBER, VAN HORNE, PESCI, DeLUCA, OLASZ, SHANER, FLICK, HALUSKA, LAUGHLIN, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, STABACK, GODSHALL, READSHAW, TRELLO, JAMES, ALLEN, LUCYK, PETRARCA, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, MILLER, BELFANTI, ROONEY, BELARDI and MELIO

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for prize limits.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

No. 317 By Representatives E. Z. TAYLOR, VANCE, THOMAS, WAUGH, TIGUE, BAKER, FICHTER, BUNT, CLARK, B. SMITH, DeLUCA, FAIRCHILD, READSHAW, SATHER, MARKOSEK, PHILLIPS, SCHRODER, GANNON, SANTONI, STABACK, HERSHEY, FLICK, CORRIGAN, HASAY, ITKIN, D. W. SNYDER, STEELMAN, CURRY, BROWNE, CIVERA, HERMAN, MANDERINO, TRUE, BROWN, SHANER, RUBLEY, GEORGE, GIGLIOTTI, YOUNGBLOOD, OLASZ, GORDNER, VAN HORNE, DENT, SAYLOR, WALKO, BELARDI, L. I. COHEN, STURLA, TRICH, TRELLO, COLAFELLA, LAUGHLIN, JOSEPHS and BEBKO-JONES

An Act establishing the Day-Care Facilities Microloan Program; providing for terms and conditions of loans; providing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 5, 1997.

No. 318 By Representatives TULLI, A. H. WILLIAMS, RAYMOND, FARGO, BROWNE, BARD, FICHTER, ITKIN, FAIRCHILD, McGILL, COLAFELLA, DeWEESE, YOUNGBLOOD, BUXTON, GORDNER, DeLUCA, CLARK, TIGUE, ROONEY, TRELLO, McCALL, SANTONI, EVANS, HALUSKA, MUNDY, COY, BOSCOLA, KENNEY, GEIST, COWELL, RAMOS, BEBKO-JONES, HERMAN, BELARDI, STABACK, DALLY, SEMMEL, LAWLESS, SCHULER, WALKO, HENNESSEY, MELIO, BATTISTO, SATHER, SHANER, LYNCH, C. WILLIAMS, E. Z. TAYLOR, GIGLIOTTI, SURRA, L. I. COHEN, J. TAYLOR, CORPORA, STEELMAN, TRICH and SAYLOR

An Act providing for the establishment of the Peer Helpers Program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 1997.

No. 319 By Representatives OLASZ, DeWEESE, BELARDI, FARGO, MICOZZIE, ITKIN, GEORGE, STABACK, JAROLIN, MIHALICH, PETRARCA, HALUSKA, McCALL, MUNDY, TIGUE, DeLUCA, ALLEN, VAN HORNE, LAUGHLIN, PESCI, TANGRETTI, COWELL, MICHLOVIC, EACHUS, DALEY, BOSCOLA, TRELLO, PRESTON, SURRA, WALKO, LEVDANSKY, CASORIO, ROBERTS, RAMOS, BEBKO-JONES, ROBINSON, PISTELLA, JAMES, READSHAW, STEELMAN, BELFANTI, TRICH, DERMODY, GIGLIOTTI, COLAIZZO, LESCOVITZ, TRAVAGLIO, SHANER and WOJNAROSKI

An Act providing for abandoned mine subsidence emergency assistance; and establishing a mine subsidence revolving loan fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 1997.

No. 320 By Representatives OLASZ, ITKIN, BELARDI, E. Z. TAYLOR, GEORGE, MANDERINO, MIHALICH, MICHLOVIC, PETRARCA, CLARK, READSHAW, STABACK, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, JAMES, TRELLO, ROBERTS, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, CASORIO, LEDERER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, BELFANTI and WASHINGTON

An Act requiring that health care practitioners determine medically necessary and appropriate treatment and that insurers notify their enrollees of the extent of their coverage.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 321 By Representatives OLASZ, ITKIN, BELARDI, MICHLOVIC, GEORGE, MANDERINO, PETRARCA, CLARK, READSHAW, COWELL, STABACK, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, JAMES, MUNDY, TRELLO, ROBERTS, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, ROHRER, RAMOS, STERN, LEDERER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, BELFANTI and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act, providing for grievance procedure.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 5, 1997.

No. 322 By Representatives OLASZ, ITKIN, BELARDI, PETRARCA, LYNCH, CLARK, GEORGE, MICHLOVIC, READSHAW, VAN HORNE, COWELL, STABACK, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, JAMES, MUNDY, TRELLO, ROBERTS, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, ROHRER, STERN, GORDNER, LEDERER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, BELFANTI and WASHINGTON

An Act providing for pharmacy services in health insurance policies and employee benefit plans and for the rights of pharmacists and persons enrolled in health insurance plans and employee benefit plans; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 323 By Representatives OLASZ, ITKIN, BELARDI, GEORGE, LYNCH, PETRARCA, MICHLOVIC, CLARK, READSHAW, VAN HORNE, COWELL, STABACK, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, JAMES, MUNDY, TRELLO, ROBERTS, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, STERN, GORDNER, LEDERER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, BELFANTI and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, prohibiting discrimination against willing providers by health care benefit plan payers.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 324 By Representatives OLASZ, ITKIN, BELARDI, MICHLOVIC, GEORGE, PETRARCA, MIHALICH, CLARK, READSHAW, STABACK, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, JAMES, TRELLO, ROBERTS, BOSCOLA, BEBKO-JONES, LEDERER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, BELFANTI and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act, providing for managed care plans.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 5, 1997.

No. 325 By Representatives HANNA, BENNINGHOFF, M. COHEN, BOSCOLA, OLASZ, ROBINSON, PISTELLA, TRAVAGLIO, STRITTMATTER and DALEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the number of judges of the courts of common pleas in certain judicial districts.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 1997.

No. 326 By Representatives ROHRER, FICHTER, MILLER, HENNESSEY, EGOLF, STERN, LEH, HALUSKA, STEELMAN, TRELLO and GEIST

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers' Practice Act, further providing for reciprocity.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 5, 1997.

No. 327 By Representatives ROHRER, MAITLAND, FICHTER, FAIRCHILD, BROWN, CORRIGAN, EGOLF, FARGO, BROWNE, LYNCH, ADOLPH, LEH, STERN, BENNINGHOFF, HUTCHINSON, GEIST and E. Z. TAYLOR

An Act providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 1997.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 33 By Representatives BUNT, LLOYD, CAWLEY, KREBS, DeLUCA, STABACK, ARGALL, WAUGH, GEORGE, FARGO, SAYLOR, GEIST, HERSHEY, STAIRS, HALUSKA, FICHTER, FAIRCHILD, SATHER, GODSHALL, CLARK, REBER, PESCI, CARONE, FEESE, CLYMER, ALLEN, MAJOR, BAKER, MIHALICH, MAITLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, GRUITZA, HERMAN, LYNCH and TRELLO

A Resolution requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to initiate action to ensure a more stable and predictable Basic Formula Price.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, February 5, 1997.

SENATE MESSAGE

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate,
February 3, 1997

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring). That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 10, 1997, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, February 10, 1997, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to today's leaves of absence. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder. The gentleman indicates there is no request for leave of absence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. HORSEY, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. PISTELLA.

The Chair hears no objection. The leaves are granted.

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—201

Adolph	DiGirolamo	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Donatucci	Major	Schuler
Argall	Druce	Manderino	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Semmel
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Serafini
Bard	Evans	Masland	Seyfert
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Shaner
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Smith, B.
Battisto	Feese	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Staback
Belfanti	Flick	McNaughton	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gannon	Melio	Steelman
Birmelin	Geist	Michlovic	Steil
Bishop	George	Micozzie	Stern
Blaum	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Stetler
Boscola	Gladeck	Miller	Stevenson
Boyes	Godshall	Mundy	Strittmatter
Brown	Gordner	Myers	Sturla
Browne	Gruitza	Nailor	Surra
Bunt	Gruppo	Nickol	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Habay	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Oliver	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhart	Orie	Tigue
Cam	Hasay	Perzel	Travaglio
Carone	Hennessey	Pesci	Trello
Casorio	Herman	Petrarca	Trich
Cawley	Hershey	Petrone	True
Chadwick	Hess	Pettit	Tulli
Civiera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Platts	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	James	Preston	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Ramos	Walko
Colafella	Josephs	Raymond	Washington

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commitment to true local tax reform for individual taxpayers by immediately moving this bill and voting it before they take their mid-winter break.

I say to the Senate, will you, who think so much of referendums, give the people their referendum in May or the politics of November?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The record should reflect that I have appointed Representative Zug as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, replacing Representative Dent. Representative Dent will remain a member of the committee.

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.)

The SPEAKER. For the information of the House, at the moment we are waiting for the print shop to deliver copies of the amendments that are going to be offered to SB 178. So the House will stand at ease for the next several minutes, until such time as the copies arrive.

CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 178, PN 336**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the number of judges of the courts of common pleas in certain judicial districts.

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

Mr. **TRAVAGLIO** offered the following amendment No. **A0078**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 911), page 3, line 18, by inserting brackets before and after "4" and inserting immediately thereafter

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Amend Sec. 2, page 4, line 9, by inserting after "forty-third" fiftieth

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

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

Mr. **GANNON**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one of the conditions that were set with respect to additional judges for the counties was an understanding on the part of the counties that they in fact would have to share some of the cost of any additional judges. In this particular instance,

ADDITIONS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Armstrong, Mr. Pesci. For what purpose does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. **PESCI**. To submit remarks for the record, sir, on HB 1, the homestead exemption act.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will send his remarks to the rostrum.

Mr. **PESCI** submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

I stand here today to urge my colleagues to pass HB 1 as is, now, so that the esteemed body across the way can show us just how committed they are to tax reform for individuals. Make no mistake about it. Homestead exemption equals individuals. Universal exemption equals commercial. The legislation we continually receive from the other body always seems to have that universal exemption language tucked away somewhere with the proviso that if a homestead exemption does not take effect, then taxes can be reduced using a universal exemption, or worse yet, an across-the-board millage reduction. The end result of such folly is a shifting of business/commercial tax burden onto individuals.

There can be no local tax reform without a homestead exemption. There should be no local tax reform without a homestead exemption. The homestead exemption is the key. The sooner we use that key to open the door, the sooner we can deliver tax reform to our constituents.

The key date we are working with is February 20. If HB 1 passes both the House and the Senate by that date, the constitutional question can be put on the May primary ballot. If it passes, we will have 19 months to follow up with the implementing tax authorizations and repeals.

The homestead exemption must be judged by itself, not intermingled with tax authorizations, referendum requirements, home-rule school districts, and State mandates. After all, were we not told to keep it simple?

The homestead exemption by itself does nothing. What is there to fear? It is nothing more than the tool we need to guarantee a fair and equitable tax reform effort. How can we change the law until we know if we have the tools to do it?

I challenge those would-be statewide candidates across the hall to show their support of the homestead exemption concept and their

Representative Travaglio has provided the committee with a letter from his county commissioners expressing that understanding that they would have to share some of the cost, and therefore, we agree to the Travaglio amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS--192

Adolph	DeWeese	Markosek	Schroder
Allen	DiGirolamo	Marsico	Schuler
Argall	Donatucci	Masland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Eachus	Mayernik	Semmel
Baker	Egolf	McCall	Serafini
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Bunt	Haluska	Oliver	Taylor, E. Z.
Butkovitz	Hanna	Orie	Taylor, J.
Buxton	Harhart	Perzel	Thomas
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Dempsey	Maitland	Sather	Ryan,
Dent	Major	Saylor	Speaker
Dermody	Manderino		

NAYS--9

Carone	Habay	Lawless	Stern
Druce	Krebs	Lynch	Wilt
Fargo			

NOT VOTING--0

EXCUSED--2

Horsey	Pistella
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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. **DERMODY** offered the following amendment No. **A0092**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 911), page 2, line 2, by inserting brackets before and after "41" 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 Dermody amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. **DERMODY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment creates two new judges in Allegheny County. We currently have 41 judges. We would now have, if this amendment passes, 43. Philadelphia, with a population of a little less than 2 million, has 90 judges. Allegheny County, with 1.6 million, has 40. We have done with less; we have made do with less for years. But it has become a crisis situation in our courts in Allegheny County.

Yesterday the Governor talked about how successful the special session on crime was — and he is correct — how we addressed juvenile crime and how we made serious juvenile offenders pay as adults. Now, we know that serious crimes, violent crimes, are being committed mostly by juveniles, and it is starting to show up in our judicial system. The Allegheny County juvenile courts are inundated. They need help; we need extra help; we need a judge to take care of it.

We have talked about how we care about our families and our children, and the way we can help them and one of the most important factors in their lives can be our judicial system. And in Allegheny County, in our family division, in our juvenile courts, we are punishing them. It is not fair to anybody in the system. Particularly, it is not fair to the victims. It is not fair to the kids in the family division. They need our help. We need to provide the tools for our courts to work. That means some extra help — just two judges in Allegheny County.

I ask your support for this amendment so we can treat our families with some dignity and respect.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. **GANNON**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated before, there is an understanding that the counties would provide the committee with a letter expressing a clear understanding that the county would have to share in the cost of any additional judges. Unfortunately, the county commissioners of Allegheny have not provided the committee with such a letter expressing their understanding that they would have to share some of the cost.

Therefore, I am asking for a "no" vote on this amendment.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the Dermody amendment, and the reason I rise to oppose the Dermody amendment is, the county commissioners at this time cannot afford to put two more judges on. When we look at the county, which just laid 1,000 employees off from the bottom — 1,000 from the bottom — whose financial position is in dire consequences, there is no way that we could put two new judges on at approximately \$500,000 a judge. Forget about that \$130-some that you see on your fiscal note. When you put the staffing, the office, utilities, equipment, you are up to approximately \$500,000 a judge.

Now, Allegheny County judges have been doing a fine job. If they are overworked and they need more, they should put more time in, like every one of us. And I have no problems. You know, they have to realize that when they are working and they are full-time and if there is an overload, they should be putting in more time. They are no different than any other individual who works for this Commonwealth, works for the county, works for local government.

Therefore, at this time I oppose adding two judges to Allegheny County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Preston.

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

I am in support of the Dermody amendment for several different reasons, as contrary to the misinformation that was just given to you due to the gentleman who just spoke before me.

Allegheny County has received national awards for the court system, but currently — and the gentleman, Mr. Gannon, is correct about not receiving a letter — our county spends close to a half a million dollars for Harrisburg lobbyists right now, and you cannot get an opinion from the county commissioners or their lobbyists that they are for or against this move. They have basically, in my opinion, defaulted their vote. It would be easy for them to simply say they are against it, but they will not put that in writing. They will not put it in writing that they are for it.

I can remember addressing this body several years ago when our county commissioners said, very vehemently, we did not want any more new judges. Almost every member of my delegation stood up here and said we did not want any more judges. But yet, in a sense, through your good wisdom in this august body, you chose to give Allegheny County a judge anyway.

What we are simply saying is, we have an enormous problem. We have a president judge who is taking our county commissioners to court for different lawsuits and infractions as far as administrative duties, fiscal irresponsibility. And if you saw the building where our juvenile court judges have to go now, they cannot even walk to their own courtrooms, not just by safety but even to be able to get there through the crowd and lack of security. There is a clear need that we need a better building, and the county commissioners, again, are devoid of even speaking about this issue.

While I respect the gentleman's opinion about not having a letter from the county commissioners, our problem is, we cannot get a letter from the county commissioners to say they are for or against anything in relationship to this matter. When someone defaults, in my opinion, to not want to make a decision, somebody has to make a decision, and this is before us right now.

It is not about the money, because they can be fiscally responsible. They have done it before, and we do more with less anyway. We do more with less than almost any major city in the United States of America per capita ratio with our amount of common pleas court judges.

I think that to be able to effectively do this, I would ask you, give us this vote. If Allegheny County does not want to do the judges, they do not have to fund the judges, but the need is there. We only have currently now two juvenile court judges in our county. With the laws that we have passed and created these additional numbers in our juvenile court system, we are asking you as a body today to give us the help.

Please vote for the Dermody amendment. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, I think that Mr. Dermody has a good point. Justice is being denied in Allegheny County. Right now the situation in the county is very bleak. The president judge is calling upon using — We have used our senior judges. We are employing masters in the role of judges. We now seek to use judges from outside the county, visiting judges. We are going so far as to ask retired visiting judges to come into Allegheny County and serve. That produces some difficulty because those that may serve in rural counties do not have a full appreciation of the problems of the community.

I think that Mr. Dermody is correct in asking this House to provide for two additional judges. However, it is my understanding that there is an appreciation on the part of the administration that they would only agree to this bill if the county commissioners would support it. In Allegheny County that support is lacking.

I do not want to see the other counties be denied their additional judgeships, so I would recommend a negative vote, although I am partial to the need, still for the need for Allegheny County, and hopefully we may be able to provide those additional judges at some future time.

So I am asking at this point a "no" vote on the Dermody amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Gigliotti.

Mr. GIGLIOTTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Dermody amendment.

And as the previous speaker said, we have 41 judges in Allegheny County. We use our retired senior judges, and now we are going outside Allegheny County and asking Westmoreland senior judges to come into Allegheny County and adjudicate and also Beaver County judges, the retired judges of Beaver County, to come into Allegheny County and help do the work.

There is a major problem in our court system in Allegheny County. I am asking you, as a bipartisan member of this House, please support Allegheny County.

And keep in mind this: There are some problems with our commissioners, but they are great commissioners, and I am sure they will work through this.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking you to support this — two judges for Allegheny County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to support the Dermody amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I understand why the committee would want to give serious consideration to the opinions of commissioners in our respective counties, but that should not be the litmus test about how we administer justice in this State.

Keep in mind that our Allegheny County commissioners, who frankly are having trouble getting two people to agree to anything these days, have not taken a position against the Dermody amendment. They simply have not been able to get their act together to express an opinion in favor of it, and so there is this void. In the meantime, we have got an obligation to do what we think is right in terms of the administration of justice, and we cannot leave the administration of the court system to the whim of county commissioners.

We are quick and we have been quick over the last couple years around here to get on the bandwagon for getting tough on crime. We also have to be honest about the costs that are involved with that then. We have passed a lot of new laws to create additional crimes or to add penalties but certainly to add to the burden of the judicial system in this State, and there are costs involved with that, and we need to deal with that side of the equation as well.

And this is important not just to those who are accused or those who want to see the guilty go to jail, if that is the ultimate outcome, and held accountable for their wrongdoing, but it is also important to the innocent as well. For those who are charged with a crime, in most instances they walk the streets. And in some cases they in fact are guilty and the system ultimately determines that they are guilty, but in the meantime, they walk the street. And in some cases they pose a threat to us, to our neighbors, to all other citizens in our community. And in some instances people are wrongly accused. They in fact are innocent and they ultimately are determined to be innocent, but until the process is completed, they walk the street also, with their name tainted, stigmatized. And so for those who are guilty as well as for those who are innocent — for all of us then — there is an interest in trying to make this system work more efficiently.

And in Allegheny County we need the help. There is not much dispute about whether or not we need the help. The quarreling is about paying for it. But there is practically no dispute that the system needs to work better in Allegheny County.

For those reasons — to make sure that those who are guilty ultimately pay the price and pay it in a timely way and for the interest of those who are innocent but wrongly accused temporarily — it is important that we add this amendment, and I would urge us, particularly recognizing that our county commissions have not said yes or no — there is this vacuum at this point — that we adopt the Dermody amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Walko.

Mr. WALKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the Dermody amendment.

Now, one of my colleagues alluded, Mr. Speaker, that we cannot afford another judge or two more judicial spots. We cannot afford not to do it, particularly in juvenile court. Many of the actions — as my colleague said, getting tough on crime — have loaded up our system, and we have a responsibility to fully fund our get-tough-on-crime policy.

With regard to our county commissioners, I respect each and every one of them as individuals. They are hard-working, but currently— And all you have to do is pick up a western PA

newspaper. You know that they are a three-headed monster fighting among itself. They cannot agree on anything. Each one of them has a lobbyist; each one of them has an agenda. We cannot hold our justice system hostage to their problems.

With regard to the Governor, my colleagues point out that they do not want to jeopardize this entire bill because our amendment will pass, because the Governor will veto it. Well, I say, let us go to the Governor and say, please, do not veto this bill. Let us get the auto accident victims who are waiting for their trials to hit the calendar to ask the Governor not to veto the bill. Let us ask the victims of crimes who are waiting for the criminal trials to speed even faster than the 180-day rule to lobby the Governor not to veto it.

And finally, perhaps the most important aspect that shows the need, let us ask the little kids who are involved in custody disputes that linger on and on and on to lobby the Governor not to veto more judges for them. Let us ask the children who cannot get their support because the courts are backlogged because they are in and out and in and out before masters, hearing examiners, because they do not have enough judges. Let us ask the Governor to listen to those little kids.

So I urge a positive vote for Dermody, a positive vote for the people of Allegheny County. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeLuca, are you seeking recognition at this time?

Mr. DeLUCA. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized for the second time.

Mr. DeLUCA. Mr. Speaker, I heard my colleagues in Allegheny County saying that we need two more judges, that to administer justice, we need two more judges. Well, Mr. Speaker, let me say, no matter how many judges we would put in Allegheny County or put in any county out there, administrative justice is going to be on the back burner, because the fact is, we have too many attorneys who are tying up the system. I think there are only two, Mr. Speaker, I think there are only two of us who spoke who are not attorneys on this judge bill.

Now, I had no problems with— Now, I certainly am not going to be practicing. I am not an attorney. I am not an attorney, Mr. Speaker— Well, if you sit down, I will tell you what is wrong with attorneys.

The SPEAKER. The question before the House is the need for judges in Allegheny County, not the need for less attorneys in the world.

Mr. DeLUCA. I will stick to that, Mr. Speaker.

Naturally, everyone here is going to be voting on this bill. We have been strong on crime, but I think what we need to do in all our counties, and especially in Allegheny County, it is not that we do not realize that we should be administering more cases, but I think we have to learn how to do it more efficiently and smarter. If we learn to do that— Because most of our courts are tied up. We mentioned juvenile court, family divisions; it is a catastrophe in almost every judicial system out there.

None of us, none of us here who vote against this bill are voting to let criminals out on the street, but we realize what we must do because the taxpayers cannot afford any more money, and when the time comes and we can afford it, then we should put more judges, but we should utilize the senior judges who we continue to think are great. And God bless them, they are living longer, and

they can come back and do the job just as well as they have been doing over the years.

So I ask for a negative vote on the Dermody amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I can only reiterate my earlier comments. This was a very straightforward, clear, uncomplicated process. Every county was asked, if they wanted additional judges, they would have to respond affirmatively and in writing that that county understood it would have to share some of the costs. We did not receive an affirmative in-writing response from Allegheny County.

Therefore, I ask for a "no" vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, over the years, all of the members of this General Assembly have been concerned about unfunded mandates. That was why we asked for the letters from the commissioners and from the judges stating that they wanted it and they were willing to pay for it, Mr. Speaker. If we pass this amendment, it is an unfunded mandate.

We took Mr. Travaglio's amendment because Mr. Travaglio had his letters from his county commissioners and from the president judge saying they wanted the judge.

In fairness, Mr. Speaker, we have to vote this amendment down.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Battisto	Dermody	Markosek	Rooney
Bebko-Jones	DeWeese	Mayernik	Sainato
Belardi	Donatucci	McCall	Shaner
Bishop	Eachus	McGeehan	Staback
Blaum	George	Michlovic	Stetler
Butkovitz	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Caltagirone	James	Myers	Trello
Casorio	Jarolin	Olasz	Trich
Cohen, M.	Kaiser	Petrone	Veon
Colafella	Keller	Preston	Vitali
Corpora	Kirkland	Readshaw	Walko
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Rieger	Washington
Cowell	Laughlin	Roberts	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Lederer	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lucyk	Roebuck	Yewcic
Daley			

NAYS-136

Adolph	Evans	Major	Scrimenti
Allen	Fairchild	Manderino	Semmel
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	McGill	Smith, B.
Bard	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Flick	McNaughton	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Gannon	Melio	Stairs
Belfanti	Geist	Micozzie	Steelman
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Miller	Steil
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Boscola	Gordner	Nickol	Stevenson
Boyes	Gruitza	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Brown	Gruppo	Oliver	Tangretti
Browne	Habay	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Hanna	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Pesci	Thomas
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DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Schroder	Ryan,
Druce	Lynch	Schuler	Speaker
Egolf	Maitland		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

RULES SUSPENDED

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

Mr. KENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended to permit me to offer amendment A0095.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-191

Adolph	DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather
Allen	DiGirolamo	Major	Saylor
Argall	Donatucci	Manderino	Schroder
Armstrong	Druce	Markosek	Schuler
Baker	Eachus	Marsico	Scrimenti
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Daley	Lederer	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dally	Leh	Ross	Zug
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rublely	
Dempsey	Levdansky	Sainato	Ryan,
Dent	Lloyd	Santoni	Speaker
Dermody			

NAYS-10

Carone	Lynch	Seyfert	Steil
Hanna	Maitland	Steelman	Wilt
Krebs	Platts		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsley	Pistella
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A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

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

Mr. KENNEY offered the following amendment No. A0095:

Amend Title, page 1, line 4, by removing the period after "districts" and inserting

and for the number of judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Philadelphia Traffic Court.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Sections 911(a), 1121 and 1321 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Sec. 1, page 3, by inserting after line 30

§ 1121. Philadelphia Municipal Court.

The Philadelphia Municipal Court shall consist of [22] 25 judges.

§ 1321. Traffic Court of Philadelphia.

The Traffic Court of Philadelphia shall be a court not of record and shall consist of [six] seven judges. The court is established for the City and County of Philadelphia.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 3. The first judges elected to those judgeships created under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 1121 and 1321 shall be elected at the 1999 municipal election.

Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 1121 and 3121 shall take effect on the first Monday of January 1998.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Mr. KENNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Philadelphia delegation, in a bipartisan effort with the mayor of Philadelphia and the president judge of the municipal court, has agreed to offer this amendment, which would create three additional municipal court judges and one additional traffic court judge in the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, I think those of us from Philadelphia know of the need, with the enormous backlog and cases being heard in both traffic court and in the municipal court, understand that we must work together to protect our criminal justice system while protecting the citizens of Philadelphia.

This is an agreed-to amendment. The letters have been submitted to the chairman from both the mayor and president judge, and I would ask the House for their support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have received letters from the city of Philadelphia expressing that they understand that they will have to share the cost of these additional judges.

Therefore, I support the Kenney amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-182

Adolph	DeWeese	Major	Saylor
Allen	DiGirolamo	Manderino	Schroder
Argall	Donatucci	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Mayemik	Serafini
Barley	Feece	McCall	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Belfanti	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Benninghoff	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
Bishop	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Blaum	Godshall	Miller	Strittmatter
Boscola	Gordner	Mundy	Sturla

Boyes	Gruitza	Myers	Surra
Brown	Gruppo	Nailor	Tangretti
Bunt	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Butkovitz	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Buxton	Harhart	Olasz	Thomas
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Carn	Herman	Perzel	Trello
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Petrone	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Preston	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Ramos	Vitali
Colaella	Josephs	Raymond	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Reber	Washington
Conti	Keller	Reinard	Waugh
Cornell	Kenney	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kirkland	Roberts	Williams, C.
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wogan
Cowell	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Coy	Lederer	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Curry	Leh	Rooney	Yewcic
Daley	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dally	Levdansky	Rubley	Zimmerman
DeLuca	Lloyd	Sainato	
Dempsey	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Dermody	Maitland	Sather	Speaker

NAYS-19

Browne	Fairchild	Lynch	Stern
Carone	Fargo	Pettit	Stevenson
Cawley	Habay	Pippy	Wilt
Dent	Krebs	Readshaw	Zug
Druce	Lawless	Seyfert	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey	Pistella
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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?

CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Miller.
Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, in light of the preceding debate on SB 178, which does contain language to add an additional judge in Berks County, I would like to submit for the record the attached correspondence from the Berks County Board of Commissioners and the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County in support of this additional judge for the 23d Judicial District. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady. The lady will submit her remarks for the record. Thank you.

Mrs. MILLER submitted correspondence for the Legislative Journal.

(For correspondence, see Appendix.)

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-169

Adolph	Donatucci	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Eachus	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Egolf	Mayermik	Semmel
Armstrong	Evans	McCall	Serafini
Bard	Feese	McGeehan	Shaner
Barley	Fichter	McGill	Smith, B.
Barrar	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Battisto	Flick	McNaughton	Staback
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Melio	Stairs
Belardi	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Stetler
Bishop	Gladeck	Miller	Strittmatter
Blaum	Gordner	Mundy	Sturla
Boscola	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Boyes	Haluska	Nailor	Tangretti
Browne	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Butkovitz	Hasay	Olasz	Thomas
Buxton	Hennessey	Oliver	Tigue
Caltagirone	Herman	Orie	Travaglio
Cappabianca	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Carn	Hess	Pesci	Trich
Casorio	Hutchinson	Petrarca	True
Chadwick	Itkin	Petrone	Tulli
Civera	James	Platts	Vance
Clark	Jarolin	Preston	Van Horne
Clymer	Josephs	Ramos	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Kaiser	Raymond	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Keller	Readshaw	Walko
Colaella	Kenney	Reber	Washington
Colaizzo	Kirkland	Reinard	Waugh
Conti	LaGrotta	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Cornell	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Corpora	Lederer	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Corrigan	Leh	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Cowell	Lescovitz	Rohrer	Yewcic
Coy	Levdansky	Rooney	Youngblood
Daley	Lloyd	Ross	Zimmerman
Dally	Lucyk	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Maitland	Sainato	
Dermody	Major	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Manderino	Saylor	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Markosek	Schroder	

NAYS-32

Baker	Dempsey	Jadlowiec	Sather
Belfanti	Druce	Krebs	Seyfert
Birmelin	Fairchild	Lawless	Smith, S. H.
Brown	Fargo	Lynch	Steil
Carone	Geist	Mihalich	Stern
Cawley	Godshall	Pettit	Stevenson
Curry	Gruitza	Phillips	Williams, C.
DeLuca	Habay	Pippy	Wilt

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SCHRODER called up HR 6, PN 190, entitled:

A Resolution proclaiming May 4, 1997, as "Kids' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

- Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boscola, Boyes, Brown, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Carn, Carone, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Colaizzo, Conti, Cornell, Corpora, Corrigan, Cowell, Coy, Curry, Daley, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Druce, Eachus, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Gruitza, Gruppo, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Hutchinson, Itkin, Jadlowiec, James, Jarolin, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McNaughton, Melio, Michlovic, Micozzie, Mihalich, Miller, Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Olasz, Oliver, Orije, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Pettit, Phillips, Pippy, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reber, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Serafini, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, D. W., Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Thomas, Tigie, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waugh, Williams, A. H., Williams, C., Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, M. N., Yewcic, Youngblood

- Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dent, Dermody, DeWeese, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lloyd, Lucyk, Lynch, Ross, Rubley, Sainato, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

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

Mrs. TAYLOR called up HR 7, PN 191, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing "National Women's History Month" and "International Women's Day."

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

- Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boscola, Boyes, Brown, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Carn, Carone, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Colaizzo, Conti, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Druce, Eachus, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Gruitza, Gruppo, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Hutchinson, Itkin, Jadlowiec, James, Jarolin, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McNaughton, Melio, Michlovic, Micozzie, Mihalich, Miller, Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Olasz, Oliver, Orije, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Pettit, Phillips, Pippy, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reber, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Serafini, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, D. W., Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Thomas, Tigie, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waugh, Williams, A. H.

Cornell	Kenney	Reinard	Williams, C.
Corpora	Kirkland	Rieger	Wilt
Corrigan	Krebs	Roberts	Wogan
Cowell	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Coy	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Curry	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
Daley	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Dally	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dempsey	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dent	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
Dermody	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DeWeese	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

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

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Mr. FARGO called up **HR 31, PN 194**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants on its 100th Anniversary.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

Adolph	DiGirolamo	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Donatucci	Major	Schuler
Argall	Druce	Manderino	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Semmel
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Serafini
Bard	Evans	Masland	Seyfert
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Shaner
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Smith, B.
Battisto	Feese	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Staback
Belfanti	Flick	McNaughton	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gannon	Melio	Steelman
Birmelin	Geist	Michlovic	Steil
Bishop	George	Micozzie	Stern
Blaum	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Stetler
Boscola	Gladeck	Miller	Stevenson
Boyes	Godshall	Mundy	Strittmatter
Brown	Gordner	Myers	Sturla
Browne	Gruitza	Nailor	Surra
Bunt	Gruppo	Nickol	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Habay	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Oliver	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhart	Orie	Tigue
Carn	Hasay	Perzel	Travaglio
Carone	Hennessey	Pesci	Trello
Casorio	Herman	Petrarca	Trich
Cawley	Hershey	Petrone	True
Chadwick	Hess	Pettit	Tulli
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance

Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Platts	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	James	Preston	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Ramos	Walko
Colaella	Josephs	Raymond	Washington
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Readshaw	Waugh
Conti	Keller	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cornell	Kenney	Reinard	Williams, C.
Corpora	Kirkland	Rieger	Wilt
Corrigan	Krebs	Roberts	Wogan
Cowell	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Coy	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Curry	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
Daley	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
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DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dempsey	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dent	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
Dermody	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DeWeese	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Horsey Pistella

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

VOTE CORRECTION

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

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to correct the record.

On HB 134, amendment 0047, I was recorded as not voting. I wish to be recorded in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. The remarks of the gentleman will be spread upon the record.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Does the majority leader have any further business? Does the Democratic floor leader have any further business? Do the committee chairmen have any announcements? Any further corrections of the record? Any announcements by any of the members?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clarion, Mr. McILHATTAN.

Mr. McILHATTAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, February 10, 1997, at 1 p.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 12:21 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.