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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
PRESIDING

PRAYER

REV. THOMAS W. FRIES, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Hempfield United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our gracious and loving God, You are slow to anger and You abound in love. You are compassionate and gracious, and for this we give You thanks. We confess our need for Your wisdom and grace.

We give You thanks today for this beautiful day and for the honor that You have once again given us the breath of life and have enabled us to leave our homes and gather to see about this most important business.

And I personally thank You for each man and woman here, that from birth and childhood, You have called them and gifted them to provide leadership to our State and to make decisions that benefit many people, both great and small.

And I thank You for their families, who support them in this work as they serve the public so faithfully. And today I ask that You would grant each one the gift of peace, the sense of Your presence, the calmness of mind to know that their loved ones are in Your care, and I ask that You would watch over their families and keep them safe as well.

We lift up the agenda that is before this House and ask for Your will and Your blessing. 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 for Wednesday, March 19, 1997, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 135, PN 144

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act establishing an osteoporosis prevention and treatment program; providing for additional duties of the Department of Health; and establishing the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis and providing for its powers and duties.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 383, PN 1195 (Amended)

By Rep. CIVERA

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for creation of the Office of Hearing Examiner and appointment of hearing examiners; further providing for powers and duties of boards and commissions within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and providing for disciplinary proceedings and hearings and for prior rules and regulations.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

HB 385, PN 428

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act repealing certain provisions relating to premarital tests.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 402, PN 1197 (Amended)

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act requiring identification tags for providers of direct patient care.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 679, PN 1196 (Amended)

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, adding a definition; providing for the commitment of minors; and further providing for financial obligation.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

HB 977, PN 1083

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act requiring certification of utilization review entities; providing for appeal processes for providers, for the disclosure of certain uniform information and for delivery of health care in a cost-effective manner.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 959 By Representatives HENNESSEY, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER, STEELMAN, CIVERA and PETRONE

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 960 By Representatives HABAY, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, PETRONE, HENNESSEY, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER, STEELMAN and CIVERA

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for authority to sell or lease real property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 961 By Representatives CONTI, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER, STEELMAN, CIVERA and PETRONE

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, providing for firefighter residency; and further providing for special school police and for sale procedure.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 962 By Representatives PETRONE, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER, STEELMAN and CIVERA

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for authority to sell or lease real property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 963 By Representatives VAN HORNE, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER, STEELMAN, CIVERA and PETRONE

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for real property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 964 By Representatives READSHAW, HERMAN, BAKER, DENT, LEH, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, DeLUCA, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, PETRONE, CIVERA, HENNESSEY, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, STETLER and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for associations and organizations for mayors and for general powers.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 965 By Representatives STETLER, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, HERSHEY, CAWLEY, STERN, STURLA, CARONE, RAYMOND, GEIST, MASLAND, SERAFINI, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RUBLEY, RAMOS, McGEEHAN, CIVERA, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE and ROSS

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, further providing for the specific powers of the city council.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 966 By Representatives FICHTER, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, HERSHEY, CAWLEY, STERN, STURLA, CARONE, RAYMOND, GEIST, MASLAND, SERAFINI, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RUBLEY, RAMOS, STETLER, McGEEHAN, STEELMAN, CIVERA, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE and ROSS

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for collection of fines and penalties; and providing for collection of penalties for violations of certain ordinances.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 967 By Representatives RUBLEY, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, HERSHEY, CAWLEY, STERN, STURLA, CARONE, RAYMOND, GEIST, MASLAND, SERAFINI, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RAMOS, STETLER, McGEEHAN, STEELMAN, CIVERA, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE, ROSS and BROWNE

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, providing for collection of penalties for violating certain ordinances.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 968 By Representatives WALKO, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, HERSHEY, CAWLEY, STERN, STURLA, CARONE, RAYMOND, GEIST, MASLAND, SERAFINI, GLADECK, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RUBLEY, RAMOS, STETLER, CIVERA, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE, ROSS, McGEEHAN and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for powers of the township commissioners to collect fines for violation of ordinances.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 969 By Representatives ARGALL, HERMAN, SATHER, LEH, ITKIN, SCHRODER, STABACK, BELARDI, BATTISTO, CAWLEY, C. WILLIAMS, REBER, STERN, ROONEY, STURLA, TRAVAGLIO, CARONE, MASLAND, RAYMOND, GEIST, VAN HORNE, CURRY, E. Z. TAYLOR, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, FARGO, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, BOSCOLA, STETLER, McGEEHAN, STEELMAN, MANDERINO, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE, ROSS, FICHTER, WALKO and BROWNE

An Act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a downtown area.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 970 By Representatives PIPPY, HERMAN, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, CAWLEY, STURLA, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, VAN HORNE, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RAMOS, STETLER, CIVERA, PETRONE and ROSS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for administrative services and for assessments in business improvement districts.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 971 By Representatives REINARD, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, VAN HORNE, L. I. COHEN, RAMOS, CIVERA and PETRONE

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for tax increment districts and tax exemptions.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 972 By Representatives DEMPSEY, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, VAN HORNE, L. I. COHEN, RAMOS, CIVERA and PETRONE

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for tax increment districts.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 973 By Representatives CONTI, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, CAWLEY, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, RAMOS, STEELMAN, CIVERA, MANDERINO and PETRONE

An Act authorizing certain counties to receive a portion of the State income tax paid by certain residents to be used for affordable housing efforts.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 974 By Representatives WALKO, HERMAN, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK, BELARDI, ARGALL, CAWLEY, C. WILLIAMS, ROONEY, STURLA, TRAVAGLIO, RAYMOND, GEIST, PETRARCA, CURRY, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, FARGO, RUBLEY, RAMOS, BOSCOLA, McGEEHAN, STEELMAN, CIVERA, PETRONE and ROSS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for jurisdiction and venue of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 1028 By Representatives FLICK, FAIRCHILD, CLYMER, HUTCHINSON, STERN, D. W. SNYDER, PETTIT, HERSHEY, WALKO, BAKER, COY, READSHAW, GEORGE, ARMSTRONG, LEH, GRUITZA, TIGUE, SEMMEL, M. N. WRIGHT, KENNEY, RUBLEY, SATHER, BELARDI, EGOLF, WAUGH, THOMAS, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, GODSHALL, MILLER, BOSCOLA, TRELLO, ITKIN, CLARK, SEYFERT, ROHRER, E. Z. TAYLOR, MELIO, LAUGHLIN, BENNINGHOFF and BARD

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, further providing for reports by charitable organizations.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 25, 1997.

No. 1029 By Representatives LYNCH, ALLEN, SERAFINI, NAILOR, NICKOL, YOUNGBLOOD, SCRIMENTI, WALKO, BOSCOLA, CARONE, SHANER, CIVERA, SATHER, SEYFERT, TRELLO, STEELMAN and COLAFELLA

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 25, 1997.

No. 1037 By Representatives HUTCHINSON, MASLAND, ARMSTRONG, GEORGE, MELIO, SCHRODER, LYNCH, FICHTER, NAILOR, FLICK, ZUG, WAUGH, LEH, HERSHEY, ROBERTS, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, MILLER, RAYMOND, EGOLF, TULLI, PLATTS, ROHRER, TRELLO, CORRIGAN, BOSCOLA, GEIST, BROWNE, McNAUGHTON, LAUGHLIN and BARD

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for tax increase limitations.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 25, 1997.

No. 1038 By Representatives HUTCHINSON, DENT, WALKO, ARMSTRONG, GEORGE, STERN, SCHRODER, LYNCH, BAKER, RUBLEY, FICHTER, MILLER, COY, MARKOSEK, READSHAW, ZUG, TRAVAGLIO, WAUGH, SCHULER, BARRAR, HERSHEY, ROBERTS, FAIRCHILD, KENNEY, B. SMITH, SEMMEL, FARGO, BATTISTO, SAYLOR, VAN HORNE, WILT, RAYMOND, EGOLF, SATHER, PHILLIPS, STEELMAN, TIGUE, L. I. COHEN, FLEAGLE, HASAY, ROONEY, SURRA, PETTIT, PLATTS, ITKIN, SEYFERT, CORNELL, ROHRER, TRELLO, CAPPABIANCA, CORRIGAN, EACHUS, BOSCOLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, GEIST, STEVENSON, DEMPSEY, BROWNE, ROSS, HENNESSEY, SHANER, MARSICO, McNAUGHTON, LAUGHLIN, COLAFELLA and BENNINGHOFF

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 net loss carryover.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 25, 1997.

No. 1039 By Representatives COWELL, STAIRS, MUNDY, STEELMAN, BATTISTO, CARONE, ITKIN, COY, E. Z. TAYLOR, BELARDI, MELIO, MARKOSEK, GODSHALL, FAIRCHILD, HORSEY, HESS, BARD, SEMMEL, SCHRODER, MIHALICH, YOUNGBLOOD, TIGUE, SATHER, LLOYD, TULLI, TRELLO, STETLER, DALEY, GIGLIOTTI, WALKO, SHANER, HANNA, LAUGHLIN, TRAVAGLIO, McCALL, PISTELLA, STABACK, ROONEY, VEON, VAN HORNE, OLASZ and COLAFELLA

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 approved reimbursable rental for leases hereafter approved and approved reimbursable sinking fund charges on indebtedness.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 25, 1997.

No. 1040 By Representatives COWELL, STAIRS, MUNDY, SCHULER, STEELMAN, STURLA, PLATTS, HERMAN, BATTISTO, ROBINSON, ITKIN, COY, E. Z. TAYLOR, READSHAW, MELIO, MARKOSEK, SEMMEL, HORSEY, BOSCOLA, YOUNGBLOOD, TIGUE, O'BRIEN, BEBKO-JONES, TRELLO, DALEY, BELARDI, GIGLIOTTI, WALKO, ROONEY, SHANER, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, WOJNAROSKI, BLAUM, TRICH, McCALL, PISTELLA, C. WILLIAMS, STABACK, MIHALICH, LEVDANSKY, DeLUCA, JOSEPHS, SAINATO and VAN HORNE

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for intervention services for infants, toddlers and eligible young children with disabilities; expanding the membership of the Interagency Coordinating Council; further providing for the expenditure of certain appropriations; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 25, 1997.

No. 1041 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, YOUNGBLOOD, CIVERA, LEDERER, GODSHALL, WAUGH, STABACK, SATHER, BELARDI, HERMAN, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, TRELLO, SEMMEL, ITKIN, CAPPABIANCA, TIGUE, CURRY, BEBKO-JONES, BROWN, GANNON, HALUSKA, SHANER, LYNCH, FAIRCHILD, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, MIHALICH, McCALL, BOSCOLA, RAMOS and STEELMAN

An Act providing for timely mailing of papers and documents with an administrative department, board or commission.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 1042 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, BEBKO-JONES, YOUNGBLOOD, TRELLO, WALKO, BELARDI, LUCYK, CAPPABIANCA, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN and STEELMAN

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*) as the official reptile of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 25, 1997.

No. 1043 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, YOUNGBLOOD, SURRA, BEBKO-JONES, READSHAW, BELARDI and LUCYK

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

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 25, 1997.

No. 1044 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, STEELMAN, WOJNAROSKI, SHANER, BELARDI, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, ITKIN, BEBKO-JONES and RAMOS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing payment for substitute teachers.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 25, 1997.

No. 1045 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, RAMOS, TIGUE, DeLUCA, ROONEY, STEELMAN, STABACK, SATHER, BELARDI, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, YOUNGBLOOD, GRUITZA, TRELLO, McCALL, ITKIN, LEDERER, HALUSKA, SHANER, LAUGHLIN and ROBERTS

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for the distribution of prescription drugs by pharmacies.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 25, 1997.

No. 1046 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, STABACK, SERAFINI, CURRY, BELARDI, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, YOUNGBLOOD, GRUITZA, TRELLO, MANDERINO, CAPPABIANCA, TIGUE, BEBKO-JONES, LEDERER, SHANER, WOJNAROSKI, OLASZ, MICHLOVIC, ROEBUCK, SURRA, JOSEPHS, MIHALICH and RAMOS

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for rates.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 1047 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, MANDERINO, BROWNE, WOJNAROSKI, FAIRCHILD, HENNESSEY, BELARDI, THOMAS, ROONEY, READSHAW, YOUNGBLOOD, ITKIN, CURRY, BEBKO-JONES, CARN, LEDERER, SHANER, OLASZ, MICHLOVIC, ROEBUCK, JOSEPHS, MIHALICH, COLAFELLA and RAMOS

An Act prohibiting certain credit card transactions relating to travel services.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

No. 1048 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, KENNEY, ARMSTRONG, YOUNGBLOOD, MAITLAND, WALKO, SATHER, FARGO, GIGLIOTTI, BEBKO-JONES, FICHTER, MANDERINO, MELIO, FAIRCHILD, PESCI, ITKIN, SHANER, CORRIGAN, OLASZ, COY, LAWLESS, CURRY, STABACK, JOSEPHS, L. I. COHEN, JAMES, CORNELL, LYNCH, BROWNE, RAMOS, MICHLOVIC, TRELLO, LAUGHLIN, STEELMAN, ROONEY, CAWLEY, DeLUCA, PHILLIPS, STERN, BELFANTI, KELLER, THOMAS, A. H. WILLIAMS, RAYMOND and ROSS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the exemption from attachment of retirement funds and accounts.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 25, 1997.

No. 1049 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, OLASZ, WALKO, BELARDI, GEORGE, LYNCH, E. Z. TAYLOR, LEDERER, DALEY, MILLER, SATHER, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, ROONEY, KELLER, THOMAS, STEELMAN, TRELLO, BROWNE, COY, MELIO, ROSS, RAMOS and COLAFELLA

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 25, 1997.

No. 1050 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, LaGROTTA, GRUPPO, TANGRETTI, PETRONE, GODSHALL, DeWEESE, ADOLPH, SCRIMENTI, RAYMOND, FICHTER, HORSEY, SHANER, SAINATO, HENNESSEY, KENNEY, BUNT, BELARDI, STABACK, GANNON, DeLUCA, MELIO, LAWLESS, COY, CORNELL, CIVERA, GIGLIOTTI, COLAIZZO, DEMPSEY, STAIRS, OLASZ, VAN HORNE, ITKIN and DERMODY

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for requirements of cigarette dealers and wholesalers; and further providing for price restrictions.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 25, 1997.

No. 1051 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, WOGAN, KENNEY, DiGIROLAMO, YOUNGBLOOD, LEDERER, CASORIO, HENNESSEY, McGEEHAN, C. WILLIAMS, PISTELLA, STERN, MELIO, WAUGH, EGOLF, L. I. COHEN, SEMMEL and LYNCH

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for second or subsequent convictions of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 25, 1997.

No. 1052 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, MAITLAND, WALKO, DALEY, GIGLIOTTI, BEBKO-JONES, MANDERINO, NAILOR, MELIO, PESCI, SHANER, CORRIGAN, OLASZ, COY, PLATTS, CURRY, RUBLEY, EGOLF, LEH, L. I. COHEN, GEIST, BARD, CORNELL, ALLEN, LYNCH, FEESE, BROWNE, E. Z. TAYLOR, LEDERER, CORPORA, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, TRELLO, KENNEY, ROONEY, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, PHILLIPS, STETLER, BELARDI, BELFANTI, KELLER, DRUCE, HORSEY, RAYMOND and ROSS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties for operating a motor vehicle without required financial responsibility.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 25, 1997.

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further defining "personal care home."

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 27, 1997.

No. 1063 By Representative WALKO

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Fund.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, March 27, 1997.

No. 1064 By Representatives MASLAND, HENNESSEY, SATHER, WAUGH, FARGO, NAILOR, MILLER, LYNCH, L. I. COHEN, E. Z. TAYLOR, HALUSKA, BAKER, CURRY, RUBLEY, ITKIN, TRELLO, B. SMITH, McNAUGHTON, EGOLF, VANCE, FEESE, SCHRODER, BENNINGHOFF, SAYLOR and COLAFELLA

An Act amending the act of May 13, 1915 (P.L.286, No.177), known as the Child Labor Law, further providing for entertainment, rehearsals, permits, applications and appeals, and abrogating a regulation.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 31, 1997.

No. 1065 By Representatives MASLAND, SCHULER, BELARDI, LYNCH, MARSICO, FEESE, SHANER, DALEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, MCGILL, WAUGH, LEH, McNAUGHTON, CARONE, BENNINGHOFF and BOSCOLA

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act, further providing for training requirement, for the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board and for the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Account.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 31, 1997.

No. 1066 By Representatives MASLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, SATHER, GODSHALL, HALUSKA, JAROLIN, ITKIN, OLASZ, ROONEY, L. I. COHEN, STABACK, CURRY, MILLER, PETTIT, LEVDANSKY, CORPORA, ALLEN, LUCYK, RAMOS, E. Z. TAYLOR, CARONE, COLAFELLA, TRELLO, HENNESSEY, STEELMAN, TIGUE, BELARDI, CLARK, STERN, JOSEPHS, RAYMOND, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, BELFANTI, CAWLEY and MCGILL

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 for pupil transportation.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 31, 1997.

No. 1067 By Representatives MASLAND, WAUGH, FARGO, GODSHALL, HALUSKA, WALKO, JAROLIN, EGOLF, L. I. COHEN, NAILOR, PETTIT, ALLEN, SEMMEL, LYNCH, BROWNE, CARONE, WILT, COLAFELLA, TRELLO, HENNESSEY, STEELMAN, THOMAS and ROSS

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 taxation of "transient business."

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 31, 1997.

No. 1068 By Representatives TULLI, VEON, RAYMOND, MARSICO, FARGO, ITKIN, KENNEY, S. H. SMITH, ROONEY, COY, CORNELL, STAIRS, BOSCOLA, McNAUGHTON, FICHTER, CAPPABIANCA, STETLER, PESCI, MILLER, LYNCH, WALKO, FAIRCHILD, SHANER, CARN, LEDERER, YOUNGBLOOD, MELIO, STURLA, STABACK, BEBKO-JONES, McCALL, STERN, BATTISTO, LEH, STEELMAN, SEYFERT, SEMMEL and GLADECK

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for supply choice for customers of natural gas utilities; and providing for restructuring of the natural gas utility industry.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 31, 1997.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 93 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, L. I. COHEN, CHADWICK, HERMAN, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, OLASZ, GEIST, LAUGHLIN, THOMAS, KAISER, MAITLAND, READSHAW, GEORGE, KENNEY, GIGLIOTTI, SEYFERT, McNAUGHTON, BAKER, TIGUE, BELARDI, RUBLEY, SAINATO, WALKO, LYNCH, SCRIMENTI, FICHTER, DALEY, HERSHEY, SATHER, ARMSTRONG, SCHRODER, DERMODY, MARSICO, JOSEPHS, DeLUCA, BENNINGHOFF, B. SMITH, ROONEY, LUCYK, VAN HORNE, CORNELL, SHANER, LEDERER, BOSCOLA, BARD, STABACK, CIVERA, BEBKO-JONES, E. Z. TAYLOR, McCALL, BROWNE, STERN, EGOLF, TRELLO, SAYLOR, ITKIN, MELIO, HALUSKA, COY, MILLER, PLATTS, CURRY, ROBERTS, YOUNGBLOOD, DALLY, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, DIGIROLAMO, ADOLPH, CORRIGAN, BISHOP, RAMOS, JAMES, C. WILLIAMS and ROSS

A Resolution memorializing Congress to fund research projects to study the causes and possible cures for macular degeneration.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 25, 1997.

COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of a report submitted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission pursuant to Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act.

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

University of California, where she will major in elementary education.

Sondra represents something very special to those of us from southwestern Pennsylvania. Not only does she capture the spirit and talent of the best of our region's youth, but as Pennsylvania's Coal Queen, she represents a vital link to our region's heritage. Coal, and the men and women who have worked and are still working in that industry, is in many ways the lifeblood of our region. Sondra represents what coal and the industry surrounding it have meant to the families who settled and worked in the southwest part of the State. She is indicative of what their hard work and sacrifice has produced for succeeding generations, and she represents what those succeeding generations will contribute toward the success of southwestern Pennsylvania and this great Commonwealth.

For all these reasons it is quite fitting today that Sondra receive a very special citation from this House of Representatives, which I am very pleased to present. Sondra, I have for you a citation from the House of Representatives, which I offer to you and congratulate you.

Before I let Sondra speak, I want to also recognize her parents, Ed and Rachelle Hamborsky. We also have accompanying the Coal Queen and her family Miss Connie Shoaf, who is a chairperson for the Coal Association. Connie, it is nice to have you with us.

And now it gives me great pleasure to introduce and ask for your attention for Pennsylvania's Coal Queen for 1996, Sondra Hamborsky.

Ms. HAMBORSKY. Thank you very much.

I am very honored to be standing here in front of all of you today. I thank you for having my family and myself here this afternoon.

I would like to start off by letting you know a little more about myself. I am an academic senior at Uniontown Area High School, where I hold the position of class treasurer. I am also on the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Honor Society, French club, ski club, student council, drama club, and Students Against Drunk Driving.

Outside of school, I am a dancer. I have been dancing for 16 years and enjoy every moment of it. Being a dancer has helped me become confident enough not only to speak in front of all of you here today, but it has also given me the strength and courage to actually win the chance to.

The pageant itself was based on a personal interview, impromptu question, modeling of a gown, and talent.

Coal mining has been in my family for many generations. It all started back before the 1900's and is still continuing in my family today. For example, my great-great-grandfather was a coal miner for 49 years, my great-grandfather for 20 years, and my grandfather for 36½ years. As you can see, holding this title is not only important to me but also my family, because this is who I represent.

I would really like to thank the Coal Association for giving me the opportunity to hold such a meaningful title. The Coal Association has been around for 43 years, because the use of coal has expanded in many ways. If we keep finding more uses for coal and keep all coal miners employed, hopefully the Coal Association will be around for another 43 years, if not more.

The Coal Queen not only represents beauty, however; this crown also represents responsibility, dedication, and leadership. I hope that I am a good role model for young children in letting them know that if you work hard enough and want something bad enough, anything is possible and dreams do come true, because mine did. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to thank Sondra and her family.

I would like to thank the Speaker and especially the members for their attention, and I will turn the gavel back to the Speaker.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley, for the purpose of making an announcement.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the recess, I would like to call a meeting of the Appropriations Committee to be held in the conference room of the Appropriations complex. Thank you.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Fargo, for an announcement.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Republican members will caucus at 10 minutes till 2, and we will be spending the time on the amendments for the budget. We will plan on coming back to the floor of the House at 3:30. Unless a change is made by the Speaker, we will be back at 3:30. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, there will be a Democratic caucus immediately upon the call of the recess.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Any Republican announcements? Democrat?

Hearing none, this House will stand in recess until 3:30, unless sooner called by the Chair or extended by the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (J. SCOT CHADWICK) PRESIDING

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 479, PN 543**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for contracts.

APPROPRIATIONS.**HB 509, PN 1198 (Amended)**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, authorizing school districts to impose dress codes and require students to wear standard dress or uniforms.

APPROPRIATIONS.**HB 711, PN 1064**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1621, No.184), entitled "An act establishing and imposing powers and duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry; and establishing and providing powers and duties for the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the Department of Labor and Industry," redesignating the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired; further providing for expiration; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.**HB 798, PN 1065**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act, further providing for definitions, for duties of the Secretary of Labor and Industry, for work experience projects, for program eligibility, for compensation and for supervisors; providing for volunteers; and further providing for annual reports, for appropriations, for funding and for expiration.

APPROPRIATIONS.**HB 844, PN 1199 (Amended)**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of May 26, 1947 (P.L.318, No.140), known as The C.P.A. Law, further providing for education requirements and for reinstatement.

APPROPRIATIONS.**HB 916, PN 1023**

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of disarming a law enforcement officer; and providing a penalty.

APPROPRIATIONS.**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 385 and HB 679 be removed from the table and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 385 and HB 679 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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
April 1, 1997

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 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, April 7, 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, who requests that the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Mundy, be removed from leave of absence.

The Chair hears no objection. The request is granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

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Armstrong	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Birmelin	George	Melio	Stairs
Bishop	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steil
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Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, J.
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Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Pistella	Veon
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Colaella	Josephs	Preston	Walko
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Corpora	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
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Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
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Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dermoddy	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Steelman

EXCUSED—4

Argall Daley Eachus Rooney

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

Mr. O'BRIEN called up **HR 91, PN 1072**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 1997 as "Hepatitis Awareness Month" in this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
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Bunt	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Hanna	O'Brien	Tangretti
Buxton	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
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Dempsey	Levdansky	Rubley	Zimmerman
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Dermoddy	Lucyk	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lynch	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Maitland	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Argall Daley Eachus Rooney

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For the information of the members, for those members who have amendments to HB 848, we intend to take that bill up soon. So if they would please report to the floor, the Chair would appreciate it.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 850, PN 952**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

On the question,

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Carn

EXCUSED—4

Argall

Daley

Eachus

Rooney

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 851, PN 953**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

On the question,

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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Donatucci			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Argall Daley Eachus Rooney

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 852, PN 954**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

On the question,
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Bill was agreed to.

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Coy	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Levdansky	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Lloyd	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lucyk	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lynch	Sather	Ryan, Speaker
DiGirolamo	Maitland	Saylor	
Donatucci			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Argall Daley Eachus Rooney

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will send his amendment to the desk.

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

Mr. VEON offered the following amendment No. A0548:

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, line 2, by removing the period after "Enforcement" and inserting
and including the amount of \$300,000 to be dedicated for the use of a toll-free electric choice information hotline to assist customers with questions concerning electric competition.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Veon.

Mr. VEON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would require that the Public Utility Commission restrict or use \$300,000 in this year's Public Utility Commission allocation for the use of a toll-free electric choice information hotline.

Most of the members here are very well aware that we passed a very complicated and complex bill in the last session dealing with the choice of electricity by consumers in the State of Pennsylvania, and I think this amount would help the consumers sort out some of the questions and problems that may arise.

I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just recommend that we concur with this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stern
Boscola	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
Boyes	Gordner	Mundy	Stevenson
Brown	Gruitza	Myers	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti

Buxton	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Pettit	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaella	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
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Cornell	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
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Corrigan	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Cowell	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Daley Rooney

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. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. A0792:

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 37,657,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Somerset County, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would raise the appropriation for the Public Utility Commission to the level which the commission requested in its budget presentation.

The Governor's overriding policy in this year's budget was to try to hold agencies to around a 2-percent increase. Unfortunately, the proposed increase for the Public Utility Commission is .2 percent. That is not enough. It is not enough to fill vacancies. It will actually create additional vacancies if we do not correct it.

That all at a time when the Public Utility Commission is holding numerous proceedings to implement telephone deregulation and electric deregulation. If we are going to make sure that those pieces of legislation are implemented in a way which is fair to consumers, we have to have enough people over in the Public Utility Commission to implement those statutes.

Mr. Speaker, the final thing is, I understand that one of the reasons or one of the things that will be cut if we do not restore this funding to the Governor's budget is funding for travel, and I know there were a lot of complaints that there should have been hearings in the Philadelphia Electric case in Philadelphia. That will not be possible in anybody's part of the State if we do not restore the funding that the commission needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote for a 2-percent increase over last year for the Public Utility Commission. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Veon.

Mr. VEON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to echo the comments of the gentleman, Mr. Lloyd. I think this is a very important amendment, and I know that a lot of members on the floor of the House, especially as we voted on the electric-choice issue, we realized at the time of that vote that we were giving tremendous discretion to the Public Utility Commission to implement that law in a way that makes sense to us and certainly would make sense to the consumers in Pennsylvania. I think as we go through this budget process over the next few weeks, it is very, very important that the Public Utility Commission have the amount of money they need to do that job correctly, and if we do not, I would be tremendously fearful that that whole legislation would be in grave danger of being a failure.

I think this is very important and would ask for an affirmative vote and congratulate the gentleman, Mr. Lloyd, on making sure that it is available for us to vote on today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Democratic chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS. I, too, Mr. Speaker, rise to support the Lloyd amendment.

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, the opportunity to really hear what exactly is taking place around the question of deregulation is something that I think is extremely important, and I do not believe, Mr. Speaker, that what I consider a very meager increase would in any way affect what needs to be done.

So I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that we on both sides of the aisle support Mr. Lloyd's amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority Appropriations chairman, the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would urge my colleagues on this side of the aisle to also concur with this amendment. It is an important component of the PUC budget that was somewhat overlooked, and we do need it to complete the package. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Feese	Mayermik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
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Birmelin	George	Melio	Stairs
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Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Donatucci			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Tangretti

EXCUSED—3

Argall

Daley

Rooney

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?

Mr. EVANS offered the following amendment No. A0644:

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 37,657,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS—200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
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Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
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Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Daley Rooney

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 849, PN 951**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS—200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
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Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Browne	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti
Buxton	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Pettit	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colafella	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
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Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Daley Rooney

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 854, PN 956**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

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

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A0618**:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 20 and 21
Section 3. Bond Services.

(a) Declaration of policy.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Recipients of contracts to perform bond services for the Commonwealth have in the past made substantial contributions to Commonwealth elected officials.

(2) The Commonwealth pays more for bond service than states which make awards on the basis of competitive bidding.

(3) This has created the public perception that contracts for bond services are awarded on the basis of political consideration and has thus eroded public trust and confidence in State government.

(4) Awarding of bond service contracts to the lowest responsible bidder is the best method to ensure the lowest price to taxpayers and the highest degree of integrity in the bond service award process.

(b) Lowest bid.—Any and all bond services performed for the Commonwealth, its agencies, authorities and commissions which cannot be performed by employees of the Commonwealth shall be contracted with and performed by the bond service provider submitting the lowest responsible bid.

(c) Request for proposal.—For each bond service required to be performed for the Commonwealth, its agencies, authorities or commissions, the issuing authority shall distribute a request for proposal requiring a written response.

(d) Selection of service provider.—After each bond service provider is selected, the issuing authority shall issue a written report of the selection of the service provider and the basis therefor. A copy of the request for proposal and the responses thereto shall be made a part of the report. This report shall be made available to the public.

(e) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

"Bond services" means legal, financial and other services by a bond service provider rendered in conjunction with any bonds issued.

"Bond service provider" means any bond counsel, financial adviser, underwriter, loan and transfer agent, verification agent or printer who provides bond services.

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

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. **VITALI**. A point of order.

Do you need that amendment? I am sitting here with it.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. It is amendment 618, Mr. Vitali.

The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is recognized on his amendment.

Mr. **VITALI**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an amendment to the capital budget, and what this amendment would do, this is an amendment we voted on a number of times before. It has passed overwhelmingly a number of times before. It would require competitive bidding for the bond work associated with the capital budget. The capital budget requires Commonwealth indebtedness, and this would require that certain services associated with bond issues be competitively bid.

The reason for bidding, again, is twofold. One, it will save the Commonwealth money, and I am not going to beat the point to death, but we have examined other States and talked about them on the House floor. In States that competitively bid, particularly in Maryland, we pay lower for bond services.

The second reason is the good-government reason, which is we are eliminating pay-to-play. We are eliminating the political self-dealing that is rampant in Pennsylvania with regard to this issue. We are eliminating the political quid pro quo, and that will serve to make the election process more fair.

So for those reasons I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

If I am not mistaken, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States in the 1920's, said that the business of government is business. Now, I will make that statement with some trepidation on the exactitude of the quote, but nevertheless, what Mr. Vitali is doing is attempting to pursue good business practices.

Since time immemorial, from the vanguard of the Republican Party until its recent efflorescence here on the floor of the House, we have heard the admonitions and the inspiration of your rank and file, your committee chairmen, and your leadership echelon talk about business and business principles. The gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali, is trying to inject business principles into the way we do government here in Harrisburg. Bonds should be competitively bid.

The system, Mr. Speaker, should not be suffused with casualty and chance. It should not be an opportunity at every turn in the road for improper influence. The business of government should be business, good business, and good business means competition, and that is what the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is pursuing — competition.

One of the more incredible manifestations of this evening's debates will be that when those lights on the big board light up, Mr. Speaker, most every one of the Republican rank and file will vote for shoddy, slippery, arcane business to be conducted here.

Good business principles would be an affirmative vote for the Vitali amendment, and, Mr. Speaker, I would subscribe that that would be a good vote for you and me also. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Bishop	George	Melio	Stairs
Blaum	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Steil
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stern
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Stetler
Browne	Gruitza	Myers	Stevenson
Bunt	Gruppo	Nailor	Strittmatter
Buxton	Habay	Nickol	Sturla
Caltagirone	Haluska	Olasz	Surra
Cappabianca	Hanna	Oliver	Tangretti
Carn	Harhart	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Perzel	Taylor, J.
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Chadwick	Hershey	Petrone	Travaglio
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Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Youngblood
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Zug
Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor	

NAYS—9

Barley	Feese	Micozzie	Ryan,
Benninghoff	Keller	O'Brien	Speaker
Butkovitz	Lederer		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall	Daley	Rooney
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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?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS—200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	George	Michlovic	Steelman
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Butkovitz	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti

Buxton	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
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Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colafella	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Conti	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Cornell	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Cowell	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnarowski
Curry	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Daley Rooney

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 855, PN 957**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEAS-199

Adolph	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Allen	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Stelman
Bishop	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Godshall	Mihalich	Stern
Boscola	Gordner	Miller	Stetler
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
Brown	Gruppo	Myers	Strittmatter
Browne	Habay	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Hanna	O'Brien	Tangretti
Buxton	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
Cam	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Horsey	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Hutchinson	Pettit	True
Civera	Itkin	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	James	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jarolin	Platts	Veon
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Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnarowski
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Corpora

EXCUSED-3

Argall Daley Rooney

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. EVANS called up HR 95, PN 1188, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 1997 as "Fair Housing Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stern
Boscola	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
Boyes	Gordner	Mundy	Stevenson
Brown	Gruitza	Myers	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti
Buxton	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Pettit	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
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Colaizzo	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
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Cornell	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
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Corrigan	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Cowell	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansk	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall

Daley

Rooney

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

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
PRESIDING

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 847, PN 949, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and for the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund and the Firearm Ownership Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the establishment of restricted receipt accounts for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

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

Mr. PIPPY offered the following amendment No. A0444:

Amend Sec. 213, page 63, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 41,700,000

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

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

Mr. PIPPY. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing amendment No. A0444 to reinstate \$11.7 million to the sewage construction payment grant program.

Last year, in an effort to downsize our government, attempts were made to minimize and eventually phase out funding for the \$40-million grant program over the course of the next 4 years.

The local municipalities across our Commonwealth had not counted on the elimination of these funds in their long-range planning. In my opinion, the elimination of these funds will be an unfunded mandate on all our local governments. If these funds are not restored, local governments will be forced — I will say that again — will be forced to raise sewage rates in order to meet their current financial and legal obligations, and that, Mr. Speaker, just stinks.

I respectfully ask for your support on amendment A0444. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. I would remind the members that under the rules adopted for the consideration of HB 847 and all amendments, there is a limitation that you may speak only once on the bill or the amendment, except the sponsor of the amendment may speak twice; there is a limitation of 5 minutes.

Some of our more alert members spotted our brand-new clock that is in operation, operated by one of the gentlemen in front of me, and that will start to count down when you begin your debate.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, and the clock will start.

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have Representative Daley added to the master roll.

The SPEAKER. Well, we will not time you on that.

Without objection, the gentleman, Mr. Daley, will be added to the master roll call.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 847 CONTINUED

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

Mr. WOJNAROSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to split this amendment, keeping lines 1 through 19 and eliminating 20 through 28.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. The clerk will read the amendment. Reset the clock.

The Chair is in error. The matter before the House is the adoption of the Pippy amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimanti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McIlhattan	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
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Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steil
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Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

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. WOJNAROSKI offered the following amendment No. A0750:

Amend Sec. Sec. 212, page 57, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

For equipment for work force development. These funds are to be divided equally between public vocational secondary schools, pursuant to Article XVIII of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, and community colleges created under the act of August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community College Act of 1963, and then distributed equally among the schools in each group. All money distributed to these schools shall be used

solely for the purchase of machinery or equipment.

State appropriation 10,000,000

Amend Sec. 217, page 75, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 10,047,000

Amend Sec. 251, page 124, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 2,551,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 10,842,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. WOJNAROSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The gentleman is offering amendment 0750. Is that accurate?

Mr. WOJNAROSKI. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And would you tell us where you wish this divided.

Mr. WOJNAROSKI. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order. I would like to split the amendment, keeping lines 1 through 19 and eliminating 20 through 28.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman wishes to divide the amendment between lines 19 and 20.

The amendment is divisible. The gentleman has divided the amendment between the 19th and 20th lines.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the first portion of the amendment, being the first 19 lines of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. WOJNAROSKI. Mr. Speaker, this amendment provides \$10 million in equipment for community colleges and vocational-technical schools.

Both vocational education and community colleges have received minimal increases in the 1997-98 budget, and both institutions are in dire need of equipment to continue to provide up-to-date job training for technical workers.

The House Democrats and "Pennsylvania Can!" are focusing on creating good family-sustaining jobs in Pennsylvania. The purchase of state-of-the-art equipment in our vo-tech schools and community colleges will enable us to train Pennsylvanians in skills that meet the needs of local industry in our community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Allen	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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Boscota	Godshall	Mihalich	Stern
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Brown	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
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Bunt	Habay	Nailor	Sturla
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Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
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Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

Bishop Daley

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

Mr. DALLY offered the following amendment No. A0449:

Amend Sec. 223, page 112, by inserting between lines 5 and 6
For local law enforcement services.
State appropriation 8,025,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, A0449, provides \$8,025,000 from the General Fund for local law enforcement services within the State Police Department.

This amendment would restore the funds to the budget to cover the costs of a plan by Governor Ridge to require municipalities with more than 9,000 residents to pay a per capita fee of up to \$102 per resident annually, and in one township in my district, Chestnuthill Township, this would amount to payments in excess of \$1 million.

So I offer this amendment.

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

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support the amendment, but I must say that I think the entire process would have been much better had we not, in the original budget, threatened townships with collecting this extra tax for State Police. I think the amendment is a much better approach by trying to make it possible for extra State Police coverage and by the Commonwealth paying for the State Police, which we should be doing.

The idea of threatening local townships for an extra collection of tax for State Police service is no way to run good government. I think the amendment is a much better approach. I have an amendment later which will specifically preclude the extra charging for these types of services.

In the meantime, I do support this amendment, because I think that it is a much better direction for us to move in terms of supporting local police coverage by providing for ample State Police coverage to do the local business that needs to be done, and I support the amendment.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the gentleman, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the maker of the amendment rise for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is indicated on this amendment that this is for local law enforcement services. Is this to imply that the State Police will be providing functions that would have normally otherwise been provided by local law enforcement agencies if they were in existence?

Mr. DALLY. Mr. Speaker, there are municipalities in the Commonwealth that choose, by way of local control, not to have local police departments and they depend on the State Police for the providing of local police protection.

Mr. STURLA. And those same municipalities depend on constituents from other parts of the State that do pay for their local police to help pay for those police that patrol those areas. Is that correct?

Mr. DALLY. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, I guess, and this would only go to those municipalities that do not have local police in existence. Is that correct?

Mr. DALLY. No, Mr. Speaker. In the amendment as drafted, the funds would flow to the State Police and not to the individual municipalities.

Mr. STURLA. So they would then be used for services other than local law enforcement—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will end my interrogation.

I have some concerns with this amendment. I genuinely feel for those people who get, in essence, free State Police protection right now. While they pay their State tax dollars, so do the citizens of my district pay their State tax dollars. The citizens of my district also pay a whopping amount of money for local police protection, and as a result of that, the State Police, by and large, do not come into those districts that have local police protection.

I believe if you look at the information regarding this proposal that the administration had put forth, actually, of the services that are provided to those municipalities that do not have local police departments, a majority of those services are services that would otherwise be provided if they had a local police department. In other words, the State Police would not be coming into those areas otherwise. It is not egregious crimes that they are coming in for, those things that those local municipalities could not handle on their own.

I will give you a good example. There was a local story in one of my local newspapers where one of those townships that would have been affected by this, they were outraged; they said their citizens were going to have to pay \$25 this year for police protection — well, the citizens in my district pay \$154 for police protection each year — and at the height of implementation of this plan, those citizens would have ended up paying \$100; and the local township officials said that would be terrible; why, they could provide it cheaper themselves. And I guess the question is, if they can provide it cheaper themselves, why do they not? Why are we at the State coming in and providing services to those local municipalities at the cost of all taxpayers when only a few are getting the services?

I would urge defeat of this amendment. I think this is the right road that we should be heading down, and I think the administration is correct in trying to do what they are doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Dally amendment.

While I respect my colleague from Lancaster's opinion, I really believe this is a decision best made by our local municipalities.

Decisions about crime prevention and police enforcement are best made by our local authorities.

This really boils down to a crime prevention issue: if we stand beside local municipalities who have made independent decisions and support their decisions for crime prevention.

That is why I support the Dally amendment, so I urge my colleagues to support the Dally amendment as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Although I understand the concerns that my good friend from Lancaster County, the city of Lancaster, has raised, I felt compelled to rise and offer my comments relative—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Conferences on the floor will please break up.

Sergeant at Arms, clear the area behind the rail.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I was saying, the situation, of course, is, when you are paying for a police department, it is easy to point the finger at those who do not have them, and maybe they should, and I am not here to defend any municipality that does not, but the fact of the matter is, we should not in any way be punitive in terms of forcing this on a municipality but, rather, should take a proactive approach to providing those communities the necessary means — financial, administrative, whatever — to do that. And as a consequence, as you all know, this is an issue that I have been intimately involved with for a number of years, and I feel very strongly that we can do that and we can accomplish it. We should not be punitive in the way we do this.

I further want to point out to my colleagues who feel, perhaps, that they want to vote against this amendment because they have a police department in their district, or more than one, as I do, that when the State Police Commissioner was before the Appropriations Committee and he and I had a discussion about this matter on the record, it became clear that if this were to go through, if for some unbelievable reason we were to support this — and I say that somewhat tongue in cheek — it would be the first time ever that the State has charged a municipality for services — ever. And he did not, he did not rule out the possibility that next year, maybe those of us who represent departments, municipalities who have departments would have to start paying for the fire marshal to come in or for access to the CLEAN (Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network) computer network or for the DNA lab or the crime lab. Anytime the State Police need money, they have this convenient avenue that now they can reach into the municipalities and start charging them for it. So today it may be 23 townships; tomorrow it could be third-class cities and boroughs.

So I think we can deal with this issue. I think we can effectively come up with a means by which we can help these communities if they need help to form a police department, and not all of them do, but those that want it and need it, we can help them, we do not need to be punitive, and I think this amendment goes a long way in providing the money that the State Police need for that.

So I would ask you to support this amendment, and keep in mind, we do not want to step down that treacherous path of starting to charge municipalities for services that no one has ever charged for before for anything. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—169

Allen	Donatucci	Lynch	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Maitland	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Major	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Manderino	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Masland	Shaner
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Staback
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DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Saylor	

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Adolph	Druce	Mayernik	Schroder
Boscola	Feese	Michlovic	Steil
Civera	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Clark	Habay	Olasz	Sturla
Cowell	Kaiser	Pettit	Trello
DeLuca	Krebs	Platts	Vance
Dempsey	Levdansky	Readshaw	Van Horne
Dermody	Markosek	Santoni	Vitali

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Ms. BISHOP offered the following amendment No. A0770:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 983,503,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 54, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,426,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Ms. BISHOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide this amendment, deleting lines 1 to 3 and keeping lines 4 through 6, which increases the appropriation for pregnancy programs to meet the needs of pregnant and also parenting teenagers in the amount of \$28,000.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible.

The amendment is divided. The lady is submitting the equivalent of two amendments, one of which is withdrawn, that being lines 1, 2, and 3. Before the House is the lady's amendment, being lines 4, 5, and 6 of amendment 0770.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia County.

Ms. BISHOP. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Again I would like to thank you and ask the House for support of this program. It meets the needs of pregnancy and also for parenting teenagers by the amount of \$28,000. It is in the Education Department.

The SPEAKER. On the question, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could just ask a few questions of the sponsor.

The SPEAKER. The lady, Ms. Bishop, indicates she will stand for interrogation.

Ms. BISHOP. Yes.

The SPEAKER. You may begin, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the gentlelady from Philadelphia could tell us again, more specifically perhaps, we are talking about individuals, women, who have decided to keep their baby to term?

Ms. BISHOP. We are talking about individuals, teenagers, who are in school. We want to help them to remain in school. Most of them have decided to keep their babies. It increases an appropriation for them in the amount of \$28,000.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Will any of this money, Mr. Speaker, be used for abortion, abortion counseling, abortion services, anything of that kind?

Ms. BISHOP. No, it will not.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayermik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. STEVENSON offered the following amendment No. A0459:

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the gentleman is recognized. Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. Speaker, this amendment restores State funding for the regional poison control centers at the Children's Hospitals in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and at Hershey Medical Center to the funding level of \$1 million, which is where it was last year. In essence, we are restoring an additional \$500,000 to this line item. These centers provide information on various poisons to the public and to the medical profession alike. The funds required to restore the funding level are taken from the anticipated General Fund surplus. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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-200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Feese	McCall	Shaner
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Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Butkovitz

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who asks that the Chair return to leaves of absence and requests a leave for the balance of the day for the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. WOGAN.

Without objection, leave is granted. The Chair hears no objection.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 847 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. BISHOP offered the following amendment No. A0513:

Amend Sec. 215, page 71, by inserting between lines 23 and 24

For a State supplement to the Federal special supplemental food service program for women, infants and children.

State appropriation 3,000,000

Amend Sec. 233, page 118, line 25, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 54,190,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Bishop.

Ms. BISHOP. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to divide this amendment also. I want to delete lines 7 through 9 and keep lines 1 through 6.

The SPEAKER. The lady asks that the amendments be divided between lines 6 and 7, and they are so divided.

The amendment as divided, the first portion of the amendment that is, lines 1 through 6 — is before the House at this time.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Bishop, on the first portion of the amendment.

Ms. BISHOP. Thank you very much.

This amendment will restore \$3 million in State funding for WIC (women, infants, and children) help, and I wish to get a positive vote, an affirmative vote, from everyone on it, to help restore those funds that are so needed for women and children.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The understanding of the Chair is that the lady has withdrawn consideration of the second portion of that amendment.

The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. SEYFERT offered the following amendment No. A0452:

Amend Sec. 227, page 115, by inserting between lines 6 and 7
For the Prometheus Project.

Expenditures from this appropriation shall be contingent upon the receipt of \$2 from nonpublic sources for every \$1 expended from this appropriation.

State appropriation 2,700,000

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 lady.

Ms. SEYFERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I offer amendment A0452: This amendment is the Prometheus Project. It is a technological advancement initiative for our State System of Higher Education. This encourages the private sector investment in our State System through a matching grant program. The amount of this amendment is \$2,700,000. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge that we approve this amendment, and even more importantly, I would urge members to look carefully at this particular project and learn more about it. It really is the kind of thing that we ought to be supporting with the State System, and unfortunately, although we have provided funds last year and likely will provide additional funds this year for Link to Learn, some of which is directed to higher ed, the State System of Higher Education is benefiting very little from that Link to Learn project. That is another issue that we ought to be examining.

But in the meantime, this particular amendment is an important way of advancing and helping to advance the technological work at the State System, and I would urge we support it.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Schuler.

Mr. SCHULER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to support this amendment.

As you know, it has already been stated, \$2.7 million is in this amendment. The State System requested \$5 million. Under this proposal, private funds of \$2.7 million with matching funds from the State of \$2.7 million would give the State System a total of \$5.4 million.

I might also add that the State System universities are providing this funding through their own initiative to match these funds. This is something that other universities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania might want to investigate if they want further State funding.

So I would ask the members to support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD offered the following amendment No. A0749:

Amend Sec. 228, page 115, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 249,107,000

Amend Sec. 228, page 116, by inserting between lines 15 and 16

For child care loan forgiveness.

State appropriation 300,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am only offering on this amendment lines 4 through 7.

This amendment restores—

The SPEAKER. Will the lady yield.

Does the lady desire that this amendment be divided?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Yes.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The lady asks that this amendment be divided between lines 3 and 4. The amendment is divisible, and the amendment is divided. The lady withdraws the first portion of the amendment and submits to the House lines 4, 5, 6, and 7.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment restores a prior-year line item under PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency). The new bill line item is "child care loan forgiveness" with a \$300,000 State appropriation.

Ordinarily, our child-care workers are normally paid a minimum wage without benefits, and we are asking them to pay back a loan when they go to college under PHEAA. With this amendment, this will help them. It will repay their college tuitions when they go to school, and this way, we will keep a lot of child-care workers within the child-care field.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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Allen	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
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DiGirolamo			

NAYS—1

Schroder

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall

Rooney

Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A0455:

Amend Sec. 209, page 37, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 23,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. BROWNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 0455 amends HB 847 to provide an additional appropriation of \$10 million to the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, increasing it to a total of \$23 million.

As many of us know, this is one of the oldest, most successful revolving loan programs in the country. Since 1956, it has provided for close to \$2 billion in loans and has been accounted for to create about 290,000 jobs in our Commonwealth at a cost of around \$5,600 per job, which is a tremendous loan-to-employment ratio. However, over the last several years, the program has become tremendously oversubscribed, to the amount of \$90 million, which means that PIDA has had to restrict their loan evaluations for new loans.

What this will do is allow for the program to approve a lot more loans, provide cash for projects within our Commonwealth to create the jobs that this program has been so good in doing, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
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Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall

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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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0595:

Amend Sec. 212, page 52, lines 6 and 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

program components. Of this appropriation, \$20,600,000 shall be used for payment to each intermediate unit which is coterminous to a school district of the first class or first class A under section 2509.1(d) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, so that such intermediate units receive no less funding for the cost of operating and administering classes or schools for children with exceptionalities than they received under that section of the Public School Code of 1949 in the 1996-1997 school year.

State appropriation 631,515,000

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 42,884,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide the amendment at line 20, so that the first part, lines 1 through 19, become the first part, and I would like to delete the second part, commencing on line 20 and going to line 22.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible and is divided. The gentleman, Mr. Itkin, withdraws the second portion of his amendment and offers for our consideration the first 19 lines of the amendment.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

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

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, this amendment allocates an additional \$10.3 million for special-education students in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It does not add to their allocation for the current budget year but, instead, holds funding harmless for the two districts. With this amendment, we simply maintain 1997-98 funding at the 1996-97 levels.

Ever since we adopted special-education funding reforms in 1991, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have seen huge special-education funding losses — millions of dollars year after year. The State funding formula assumes that 15 percent of each district's students are moderately disabled, but in Pittsburgh, that figure is actually 19 percent. For severely disabled students, the State reimburses districts for 1 percent of enrollment, but again, Pittsburgh's real-life figures top the State's bureaucratic assumptions by 200 kids.

Our school districts must provide special education for all eligible kids, but if we do not provide adequate funding, the money will have to come from somewhere else. Will it come out of textbook budgets, the arts, sports, tutoring, school libraries? This amendment alleviates some of the pain that these two school districts and their students would otherwise suffer.

We have the resources to retain special-education funding at current levels in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and I ask for your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—132

Bard	Eachus	McCall	Serafini
Battisto	Evans	McGeehan	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fairchild	Melio	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Gannon	Michlovic	Stairs
Belfanti	George	Mihalich	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	Miller	Stetler
Blaum	Gladeck	Mundy	Stevenson
Boscola	Godshall	Myers	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gordner	O'Brien	Surra
Bunt	Gruitza	Olasz	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Habay	Oliver	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	Orie	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Perzel	Thomas
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Casorio	Horsey	Pettit	Trich
Cawley	Itkin	Phillips	True
Cohen, L. I.	James	Pippy	Tulli
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Pistella	Van Home
Colaella	Josephs	Preston	Veon
Colaizzo	Keller	Ramos	Walko
Cornell	Kenney	Readshaw	Washington
Corpora	Kirkland	Reinard	Waugh
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Laughlin	Roberts	Williams, C.
Coy	Lederer	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Levdansky	Rubley	Youngblood

DeLuca	Lucyk	Sainato	Zimmerman
Dermody	Lynch	Santoni	
DeWeese	Manderino	Scrimenti	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Markosek	Semmel	Speaker
Donatucci	Mayernik		

NAYS—66

Adolph	Dent	Lawless	Rohrer
Allen	Druce	Leh	Ross
Armstrong	Egolf	Lloyd	Sather
Baker	Fargo	Maitland	Saylor
Barley	Feese	Major	Schroder
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Clark	Hess	Nickol	Vance
Clymer	Hutchinson	Platts	Wilt
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Dempsey	Krebs		

NOT VOTING—2

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EXCUSED—3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

Mrs. **HARHART** offered the following amendment No. **A0493**:

Amend Sec. 209, page 37, by inserting between lines 13 and 14
For a technology alliance to support
university engineering research centers.
State appropriation 4,000,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Harhart.

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment creates a new appropriation for a technology alliance in support of university-based engineering research centers for \$4 million. This amendment makes no offset expenditure reduction.

This appropriation is designed to stimulate a Commonwealth, university, and industry partnership that would foster new technology for Pennsylvania's physical and informational infrastructure.

Not only will such a partnership keep Pennsylvania competitive in the race for technology leadership, but for transportation infrastructure itself, the savings for Pennsylvania could be in the billions. As an example, it is estimated that this partnership can double the life of our bridges, reduce their life-cycle costs by as much as 25 percent, and cut their operating, maintenance, and renewal costs by as much as 50 percent.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford not to invest in this kind of endeavor, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall

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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?

Mr. MIHALICH offered the following amendment No. A0562:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, by inserting between lines 12 and 13
For community facilities.

State appropriation 1,000,000

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 52,184,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

Mr. MIHALICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide this amendment. I would like to eliminate lines 4 through 6.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Mihalich, asks that amendment 562 be divided, which it is, and it is divided into two amendments, being lines 1, 2, and 3, and the second amendment, 4, 5, and 6. The gentleman withdraws lines 4, 5, and 6 and offers the first portion of the amendment to the House for consideration.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MIHALICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the community facilities program has been one of the most successful programs in Pennsylvania. It has helped to bring water and sewage to innumerable small communities. And if you have a community or communities in your district that are less than 12,000 population, this program is designed for such small communities.

Unfortunately, I am only asking for \$1 million. The program started out at \$7½ million in 1989, and there have been attempts repeatedly, for the last several years, to eliminate the program, and I cannot, for the life of me, understand why anybody would want to eliminate a program that has been so successful. I know in my district and many rural districts throughout Pennsylvania, it is the only way small communities can put together a package to extend water lines and sewage lines without going into debt over their heads. It helps them out. This is a grant program; it is not a loan

program. But usually the small communities package the financing of these little projects, and in most cases they are little projects.

One million dollars is not going to go very far, but at least we will keep the program alive until such time in the future as we can impress upon this Governor and perhaps future Governors and the House and Senate that this program is probably the most worthwhile one we have ever instituted in Pennsylvania.

I know in my district, new development depends upon extending small projects, extending water and sewage lines. The only growth or the majority of growth that I have had in my district — and I know other districts are like mine — the only growth we have had is where we have been able to do that, and these small communities, these small townships and boroughs, have no other way to go about it. They cannot go out and hire expensive consultants, to jack up the price of the project, but they do very, very well. I know that at least in my district and in districts adjoining to mine, these supervisors and councilmen in these small communities stretch that dollar further than any — For instance, in my district, municipal authorities can, with normal financing, using consultants and loan packages, promote major projects. Our little communities can get a mile and a quarter out of a mile's worth of appropriation under other circumstances.

So I urge you, please, to vote for this amendment for the benefit of those communities. There are roughly a little over 2,000 of them in Pennsylvania; mostly in the rural and some in the suburban areas, but mostly in the rural areas.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I urge a positive vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
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Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
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DiGirolamo	Lynch		

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EXCUSED—3

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Miss **ORIE** offered the following amendment No. **A0453**:

Amend Sec. 209, page 37, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

For a super computer center.

State appropriation 2,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady.

Miss **ORIE**. Mr. Speaker, recognizing that Pittsburgh is home of an extremely important high-tech facility facing the loss of \$15 million in Federal funds, this amendment would restore an appropriation for the Pittsburgh SuperComputing Center, which is an 11-year joint venture between Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Westinghouse Electric Corp. It did receive funding in the current year but was not included in the Governor's executive budget.

Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh SuperComputing Center is only one of three remaining national centers, and this is an important economic tool for development and job creation because it provides a unique service to businesses which do not have access to this supercomputing system.

At this time I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Michlovic.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will be brief.

I rise to support the amendment.

For the members' recollection, I want to point out that we have always funded this in the past. Many times it has been up to the members on this floor to do that. This supercomputer center is now losing its funding from the National Science Foundation. Nevertheless, those corporations that Miss Orie has mentioned and many other organizations, schools, educational institutions, across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and across the eastern part of the United States, depend upon this supercomputer for services that they can get nowhere else.

It is vitally important that we support Miss Orie's amendment, and I urge your support of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

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Sather

Ryan,
Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall

Rooney

Wogan

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?

Mr. TANGRETTI offered the following amendment No. A0633:

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 11, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,991,000

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,825,000

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

U.S.C. § 148). At least \$488,000 of this amount shall be used for general obligation debt service related to the Police Agency Loan Program established under and subject to the passage of the Police Agency Loan Act (1997 H.B.249) and its approval by voter referendum.

State appropriation 567,821,000

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 983,293,000

Amend Sec. 220, page 107, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 107,686,000

Amend Sec. 225, page 113, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Management Agency. At least \$100,000 shall be used for the establishment and administration of the Police Agency Loan Program established under and subject to the passage of the Police Agency Loan Act (1997 H.B.249) and its approval by voter referendum.

State appropriation 4,814,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I had indicated earlier, there are ways we can be creative to help our municipalities fund their police departments and—

The SPEAKER. Mr. Tangretti, is it your intention to divide this amendment?

Mr. TANGRETTI. No, it is not, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Mr. TANGRETTI. And one of the ways that we have dealt with on this floor about four or five times now is the 2-percent loan program that we have talked about, and as you know, it is patterned after the volunteer fire company loan program — the very successful loan program.

This amendment would provide the funding for the first year of the debt service for that \$20-million bond issue as well as establish \$100,000 for the creation of the administrative loan fund agency to operate it, and I would ask for your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
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Dempsey	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Lloyd	Sainato	
Dermody	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

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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?

Mr. McNAUGHTON offered the following amendment No. A0457:

Amend Sec. 209, page 37, by inserting between lines 13 and 14
For a housing research center.
State appropriation 250,000

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. McNAUGHTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would provide \$250,000 in funding to the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center.

Through the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center, Pennsylvania now has a single, statewide focus for technical research and development on housing. The Pennsylvania Housing Research Center helps maintain and expand jobs in the housing sector and develop and improve the existing product.

I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Barrar	Fargo	Masland	Serafini

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Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Belardi	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhatten	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Bishop	George	Melio	Stairs
Blaum	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Micozzie	Stetler
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
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Casorio	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Cawley	Herman	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Hershey	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Hess	Petrarca	True
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Cohen, L. I.	Itkin	Phillips	Van Home
Cohen, M.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Veon
Colaella	James	Pistella	Vitali
Colaizzo	Jarolin	Platts	Walko
Conti	Josephs	Preston	Washington
Cornell	Kaiser	Ramos	Waugh
Corpora	Keller	Raymond	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wojnaroski
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Yewcic
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Leh	Rohrer	Zug
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Dermoddy	Levdansky	Rubley	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	

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EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. TRAVAGLIO offered the following amendment No. A0532:

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 567,100,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 67, by inserting between lines 20 and 21 For Arthritis and Lupus research.

State appropriation 233,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. TRAVAGLIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide this amendment between lines 3 and 4 and withdraw lines 1, 2, and 3.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible. Lines 1, 2, and 3 are withdrawn from consideration. The balance of the amendment is before the House.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman in connection with the amendment.

Mr. TRAVAGLIO. Mr. Speaker, this amendment decreases general obligation debt service in the Treasury Department appropriation by \$233,000 and provides the same amount for arthritis and lupus research in the Health Department.

The SPEAKER. I may have misunderstood the gentleman, but did you say it decreased money in one of the departments?

Mr. TRAVAGLIO. We withdrew that portion.

The SPEAKER. That is right; yes.

The lines 4, 5, and 6 simply increase the spending for arthritis and lupus research. Do you agree?

Mr. TRAVAGLIO. Yes.

The SPEAKER. That is all that is before the House?

Mr. TRAVAGLIO. Yes.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Flick	McIlhatten	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
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Browne	Gruitza	Myers	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla

Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carn	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
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Civera	Horsey	Pettit	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
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Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. HERMAN offered the following amendment No. A0445:

Amend Sec. 225, page 113, by inserting between lines 28 and 29
For Civil Air Patrol activities.

State appropriation	100,000
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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. HERMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do is to restore the funding that is not included in Governor Ridge's budget, the State funding of \$100,000 for the Civil Air Patrol. This money will be utilized from the budget surplus.

The Civil Air Patrol is the primary air and search rescue agency in the State, and it is uniquely suited to perform its mission throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is very cost-effective in that its 2,100 member volunteers provide more than 680,000 donated hours of labor, alternatives being much more expensive.

I certainly would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
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Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
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DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. **CORPORA** offered the following amendment No. **A0755**:

Amend Sec. 222, page 109, line 28, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 268,363,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Corpora.

Mr. **CORPORA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 755 deals with mass transit. Because of the changes in the PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax Act) tax, there will be an expected shortfall in mass transit funding for 1997-1998 of approximately \$13.7 million. This amendment will restore the funds to avoid the anticipated shortfall. It will aid all transportation authorities across the State and help avoid further cuts in service and fare increases. It will also help seniors and other Pennsylvanians get to work and to school.

I appreciate the support of the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

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Allen	Druce	Manderino	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Masland	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Feece	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Belardi	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
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Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Van Horne
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	

NAYS—7

Brown	Hutchinson	Maitland	Wilt
Clark	Jadlowiec	Seyfert	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. **DIGIROLAMO** offered the following amendment No. **A0448**:

Amend Sec. 223, page 112, line 1. by inserting after "of"
785

Amend Sec. 223, page 112, line 2. by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,529,000

Amend Sec. 223, page 112, by inserting between lines 5 and 6
For the CLEAN Migration Project.

State appropriation 1,700,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. **DIGIROLAMO**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask your support for additional funding for two vital programs within the State Police Department.

In order for Pennsylvania's State Police to proceed effectively into the 21st century, it is essential to the overall operation to have sufficient funding to upgrade the communications network. This amendment adds \$1,700,000 to the Governor's request of \$4.5 million.

Additionally, this amendment also proposes \$5,700,000 to the proposed funding level for patrol vehicles, enabling the State Police to purchase approximately 785 needed vehicles.

I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Sturla, from Lancaster County.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the gentleman rise for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, according to this amendment, you are going to buy 785 new police cruisers. What is the current number of police cruisers in the State Police force?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. That is not correct. We are not purchasing 785. We are purchasing 285 additional vehicles. Already proposed in the budget is the purchase of 500. We are purchasing 285 additional vehicles.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. How many vehicles are in the State Police fleet right now?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. I do not have that number right now with me, although I do know they try to turn each vehicle over every 75,000 miles, when the vehicle reaches 75,000 miles.

Mr. STURLA. So then I am assuming that there are at least 285 more vehicles that have turned over 75,000 miles, or is this just—I mean, how did you come to this number? Are we replacing half the fleet, a third of the fleet, a tenth of the fleet, double the fleet? What are we doing here?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. That is correct. We are probably replacing a quarter of the fleet. There are additional vehicles this year that have 75,000 miles and over, and we want to make sure that we replace them all.

Mr. STURLA. So the 285 additional cars replace an additional 25 percent of the fleet?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. The total, 785, is 25 percent of the fleet.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. So roughly, there is, what, 3,000 cars in the fleet?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. That is correct; roughly, 3,000 vehicles.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Somerset, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, would the maker of the amendment consent to interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, there is just one thing I want to get clear on the record. You indicated that the purpose of your amendment is to provide an additional \$1.7 million for the CLEAN Migration Project. The Governor's budget already includes some funding. You are separating this into a single line item. It is your intention that this money is to supplement what the Governor had already proposed and not to replace it?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. That is correct. That is an additional \$1.7 million.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I could be recognized on the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this amendment.

I testified in favor of these two appropriations when I had an opportunity to appear before the House Appropriations Committee. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee in the last session did a manpower study, acting on my motion, in order to try to determine what we could do to increase the presence of State Police on patrol. One of the things which was discovered was that we could potentially double the productivity of the existing troopers on patrol if we were to spend \$50-some million over about an 8- to 10-year period of time. In order to make sure that we stay on schedule, we need the additional funding which Mr. DiGirolamo is proposing.

On the issue of police cars, what we discovered through the LB&FC manpower study was that if we want to retire police cars at 75,000 miles, we need the additional funding which Mr. DiGirolamo is proposing. At that point we begin, if we do not retire them, to see that the maintenance costs go up significantly. I have been told by a constituent that in my county, at least on some nights previously, they could only get one car in operation instead of the normal two cars because there was something wrong in the existing fleet. Mr. Speaker, we need to retire these cars in a timely fashion so that we can have prompt State Police response.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as an incentive to vote for this, if you approve this amendment, then I will withdraw a couple of my amendments which did essentially the same thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. **CORPORA** offered the following amendment No. **A0565**:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,500,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

For engineering equipment.

State appropriation 1,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Corpora.

Mr. **CORPORA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would it be appropriate to divide this amendment between lines 3 and 4?

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman desires that the amendment be divided between lines 3 and 4, which is appropriate and is now divided. The gentleman withdraws lines—

Mr. **CORPORA**. Lines 1, 2, and 3.

The **SPEAKER**. —1, 2, and 3, and the House has before it for consideration the second portion of the amendment, being lines 4, 5, and 6.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. **CORPORA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The portion of the amendment which I am seeking a vote on at this point would appropriate the sum of \$1 million for Pennsylvania Engineering Equipment Challenge programs, which have in past budgets distributed funds to institutions of higher learning across the State for engineering equipment.

As you know, Pennsylvania has a long and established tradition of preparing students for careers in engineering, and we are well ranked nationally with the number of graduates we have that are awarded engineering degrees.

Our previous programs for these grants have been recognized as model programs, and the requirements for the programs are quite appropriate. Each school must match each program dollar with two dollars of its own. The matching dollars must come from alumni and corporations. Consequently, the program involves different sectors of our communities. Furthermore, any equipment that is purchased with these dollars must come from a Pennsylvania vendor whenever possible.

I appreciate the support of the members. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

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Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Conti	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
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Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. TAYLOR offered the following amendment No. A0450:

Amend Sec. 212, page 58, lines 3 through 9, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

eligible institutions, including State-owned, State-related and State-aided institutions, community colleges, State-owned postsecondary vocational education institutions, private colleges and universities and public and private two-year colleges based on guidelines adopted by the Department of Education.

State appropriation	5,000,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment will increase the funding for the equipment grant portion of the budget. It spells out very clearly that the

institutions to be covered by this increase will be all the public and private institutions of higher learning.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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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?

Mr. BELFANTI offered the following amendment No. A0512:

Amend Sec. 215, page 68, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,835,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 73, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,733,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 448,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, line 6, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 2,088,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, first I would like to divide the amendment by striking lines 1 through 3 and then offering lines 4 through 12.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible and is now divided, and lines 4 through 12 are now before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The purpose of this amendment is to restore moneys for children with special needs as well as adult cystic fibrosis and hemophiliacs to fiscal year 1995-96 levels.

Specifically, it would be only \$1,000 more for children with special needs, \$57,000 more for cystic fibrosis, and \$494,000 more for hemophiliac services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. **BROWN** offered the following amendment No. **A0454**:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 5, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,200,000

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 lady.

Mrs. **BROWN**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, A0454, increases the small business development centers appropriation from \$2.2 million to \$3.2 million. The small business development centers provide services for all types of small businesses in this Commonwealth. They provide individual one-on-one and group consulting, and they help small businesses start up and grow.

I feel very strongly that we, in the General Assembly, should demonstrate our commitment to small business, and I ask for your support on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery, Ms. Williams.

Ms. **WILLIAMS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in strong support of this amendment.

Small business development centers, located in business schools throughout the State, serve an important function for our small businesses and start-ups. I believe these funds are well spent. SBDC's leverage the knowledge and experience of business professionals in service to businesses which often have neither time nor money for strategic planning, financial planning, and other matters. Thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
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Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
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Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Belfanti	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
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Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. **MICHLOVIC** offered the following amendment No. **A0529**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 35,907,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 85, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 35,682,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 101, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to move to divide the amendment between lines 6 and 7 and withdraw the first part of the amendment.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. The first portion, lines 1 through 6, is withdrawn. The House has before it lines 7, 8, and 9.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment increases the community center funding by \$2.9 million across the State. In 1995 this line item was at \$4 million. In 1996 the conference committee reduced it by \$2 million, and the community centers across the Commonwealth were struggling to try to do their work, their very good work. This amendment would raise that amount back up to a \$5-million level.

The studies in Allegheny County and across the Commonwealth have shown a drop, among the participants in this very vital program, in low-birth-weight babies, a drop in teenage pregnancies, a drop in juvenile criminal involvement and incarceration costs. I look to this amendment and these centers as a way of reducing our State budget in these very fast-rising areas. At the same time, there has been a rise in healthy babies, a rise in literacy, and school attendance, largely related to the work that these community centers do.

I would urge my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

Adolph	Dermody	Lucyk	Schroder
Allen	DeWeese	Maitland	Schuler
Armstrong	DiGirolamo	Major	Scrimenti
Baker	Donatucci	Manderino	Semmel
Bard	Druce	Markosek	Serafini
Barley	Eachus	Marsico	Seyfert
Barrar	Evans	Masland	Shaner
Battisto	Fairchild	Mayernik	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Feece	McCall	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fichter	McGeenan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Fleagle	McGill	Staback
Benninghoff	Flick	McNaughton	Stairs
Birmelin	Gannon	Melio	Steelman
Bishop	Geist	Michlovic	Steil
Blaum	George	Micozzie	Stetler
Boscola	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Stevenson
Boyes	Gladeck	Miller	Strittmatter
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Bunt	Gruitza	Nailor	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Gruppo	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Tigue

Carn	Hasay	Orie	Travaglio
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Dempsey	Lloyd	Saylor	Speaker
Dent			

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Egolf	Leh	Pettit	Sather
Fargo	Lynch	Pippy	Stern
Habay	McIlhattan	Rohrer	Wilt
Hutchinson			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. DENT offered the following amendment No. A0456:

Amend Sec. 209, page 36, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 36,200,000

Amend Sec. 1201, page 174, lines 28 through 30; page 175, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

For the Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership.

This appropriation includes \$36,250,000 for the Ben Franklin Partnership Advanced Technology Centers and the Industrial Resource Centers. At least 98% of this \$36,250,000 shall be allocated directly to the Advanced Technology Centers and the Industrial Resource Centers and no more than 2% of this appropriation shall be set aside for board-selected projects. This appropriation includes \$750,000 for the enhancement of agile manufacturing/virtual enterprise concepts in the Commonwealth.

State appropriation 37,000,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dent.
Mr. DENT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment, A0456, simply increases funding to the Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership by \$1 million. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars of that increase will be used to support the agile program, which we have funded as a General Assembly for each of the past 3 years. The Ben Franklin Partnership as well as the industrial resource centers represent a tremendous investment by the Commonwealth. The dollars are matched by four dollars from other sources.

So I would simply urge that my colleagues endorse this amendment and help make these nationally acclaimed programs even stronger. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Williams.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise again in strong support of the amendment for the Ben Franklin.

This organization is extremely important and provides a service to our State in encouraging opportunities for success in technology-oriented business; for joint ventures; for public, private, and industry technology transfers; and for the identification of new business. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
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EXCUSED—3

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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?

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. A0779:

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 50,184,000

Amend Sec. 222, page 110, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

For the establishment of a pilot "Job Connect Transportation Program" to provide subsidies to employers and transport passes to workers to promote the employment of persons who have an inadequate means of transportation to maintain employment.

State appropriation 3,000,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide amendment No. 779 between lines 3 and 4. I would like to make that motion.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible, and the amendment is divided — lines 1, 2, and 3 being withdrawn from consideration, the balance of the amendment being before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

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

This program that I am asking to be adopted today is a pilot program, and the pilot program would be administered by the Governor and his Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Mallory.

What we are trying to do in attacking a problem that is a national problem here in Pennsylvania is trying to establish a method of transportation for people who do not have transportation to get to and from their work site. This would happen in two ways: Subsidies would be available for new hires — new hires — to get to and from a work site via public transportation. Secondly and finally, employers would be able to avail themselves of this pilot project, this experimental project, to allow for some transportation availability on their part, primarily van service, for people, many of them on public assistance, who would go from their homes to the end of the public transportation and then be picked up by a van and transported to the work site.

If we are going to give our brothers and sisters in the inner city and in some isolated rural parts of our State the chance, especially those who have formerly been on public assistance, a chance to work, this very modest program, administered by the Governor and his Secretary of Transportation, would be one methodology that we could experiment with and that we could work toward.

So I would ask for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—3

Argall

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MAITLAND offered the following amendment No. A0460:

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

For Tourette's Syndrome

State appropriation 100,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. MAITLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tourette syndrome is a neurological disorder that consists of unwanted tics and vocalizations and is often accompanied with learning disabilities. The Tourette Syndrome Association, headquartered in Gettysburg, has an educational mission, working with parents, teachers, and physicians, providing information to identify and treat this disease.

The Assembly has funded the association in various ways at various times in the past, and I would ask for your support of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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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?

Mr. SANTONI offered the following amendment No. A0760:

Amend Sec. 212, page 52, by inserting between lines 19 and 20
For education of the disadvantaged.

State appropriation 1,000,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 35,907,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. SANTONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I need to divide this amendment between lines 3 and 4, withdrawing lines 4, 5, and 6 and offering lines 1, 2, and 3.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. Lines 4, 5, and 6 are withdrawn from consideration.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. SANTONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment restores funding of \$1 million for the "education of the disadvantaged" appropriation in the Department of Education. This appropriation provides assistance to local school districts that wish to take advantage of Federal funding by working cooperatively with Head Start programs, serving educationally disadvantaged students, and that are unable to supply the local matching funds that the program requires.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

Mr. BROWNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in favor of the Santoni amendment.

Head Start has been a tremendous benefit to inner-city districts. A lot of us know the benefits of this program. Studies have shown that disadvantaged, high-risk youths that go through Head Start have increased in test scores in elementary years, have increased immunization over average children, and some studies have even shown that for every dollar we invest in Head Start, we reduce our cost by over \$7 in welfare and special education.

Other States have supplemented Head Start funding. Actually, the State of Ohio has over \$58 million in Head Start.

But at least this will show some of our commitment to our at-risk youths in our cities. I applaud Representative Santoni for bringing up this amendment, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

Mr. TRICH offered the following amendment No. A0671:

Amend Sec. 208, page 31, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,437,000

Amend Sec. 228, page 116, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 377,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. TRICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide the amendment, if I may, and eliminate lines 1, 2, and 3, keeping lines 4, 5, and 6.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. Lines 1, 2, and 3 are withdrawn; 4, 5, and 6 are before the House.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. TRICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In 1960 there were approximately 60,000 family farms in Pennsylvania. By 1990 that number had dwindled to 40,000. With the help of this body, about 6 years ago, we initiated a program known as the loan forgiveness program for agricultural students. It was a way that we felt would be an enticement to keep young people on the family farms, to sharpen their skills and to go back and be more productive farmers.

What this amendment does is merely puts a \$200,000 amount into the budget that would not only permit us to continue the program but actually to expand it, to let new students enter into it.

So for that reason I would hope that this body would support this amendment.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
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NAYS-1

Schroder

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. FAIRCHILD offered the following amendment No. A0842:

Amend Sec. 219, page 90, line 6, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 135,910,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 90, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Federal appropriation 157,123,000

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. Fairchild.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment simply restores funding to Laurelton Center. This is necessary in the case that the planned closing does not go as planned. Presently they are having problems with community placement, and this is a protection plan for those severely disabled individuals.

I ask for your support in this amendment. Thank you.

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-200

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Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
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Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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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?

Mr. SNYDER offered the following amendment No. A0586:

Amend Sec. 212, page 56, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Institute and to increase the reimbursement factor in section 1913-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, from \$1,210 to \$1,310.

State appropriation	164,075,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 586 would increase the rate of reimbursement for full-time-equivalent students at our community colleges from the current rate of \$1,210 to a rate of \$1,310. This would represent a 6.8-percent increase over the proposed operating reimbursement in the Governor's budget.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
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EXCUSED—3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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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?

Mr. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. A0687:

Amend Sec. 208, page 35, by inserting between lines 10 and 11

For farm safety programs pursuant to the act of December 12, 1994 (P.L.944, No.134), known as the Farm Safety and Occupational Health Act. This appropriation shall be funded with money which has been disencumbered from the

purposes of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.537, No.108), known as the Agricultural Development Act, and the amount of this appropriation shall not exceed the moneys so disencumbered under that act from the effective date of the Farm Safety and Occupational Health Act through June 30, 1997.

State appropriation 190,000

Amend Sec. 1806, page 183, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

(c) The appropriation in section 208 for farm safety programs shall not lapse until June 30, 1999.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would provide a 2-year appropriation of \$190,000 for the farm safety program which was enacted in the lameduck session in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, when we started that program, we provided \$318,000, which came from disencumbering funds which had been used for — and now no longer in existence — a loan guaranty program for first-time farmers. There will be an additional \$190,000 available in that program, which can be transferred to the Farm Safety Fund.

Mr. Speaker, this appropriation is very needed, because in the first year of grants under the farm safety program, the Department of Agriculture got almost 60,000 dollars' worth of requests but was able to fund only about \$25,000. In the current year, the department has about 79,000 dollars' worth of requests, and in the current budget, will be able to fund only \$25,000 of those.

The department has not yet been able to provide any funding to the State fire school for the kind of training that volunteer firemen need in order to respond adequately to farm accidents.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a modest appropriation. There is a method of funding. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The lady, Ms. Steelman, is recognized on the question.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise to ask my fellow members to support this amendment.

The farm safety program is extraordinarily important when you consider that farming is the most dangerous occupation in Pennsylvania. When we held hearings in the process of developing the bill, the members of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee, I think, came to a better understanding of the many aspects of farm safety that needed to be addressed, and as Representative Lloyd pointed out, not only do we need research in the area of farm safety, we also need the broad-based educational programs that local organizations are prepared to offer if we can help them to fund those educational programs.

Voting for this amendment has the potential to save lives and to keep people farming in Pennsylvania, and I ask for your support.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. Bunt.

Mr. BUNT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to support amendment 0687.

The money presently is sitting in an encumbered account for a program that no longer exists. I have talked to the Secretary of Agriculture, and he, too, would favor such an amendment. By the introduction of this amendment, it will be able to disencumber that money from a program that no longer exists for a very good program, which is farm safety. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall

Rooney

Wogan

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?

Mr. SNYDER offered the following amendment No. A0706:

Amend Sec. 212, page 56, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

For the purpose of increasing the reimbursement rate for noncredit "work force development" courses, defined herein as those courses, the specific purpose of which is to provide students with opportunities to upgrade and/or develop skills necessary or useful for gainful employment, but which do not lead to an associate's degree or other academic award. The subject matter of noncredit work force development courses may encompass any of the following:

(1) Computers, including the study of both hardware and software applications.

(2) Management and supervision, including, but not limited to, team-building training, management and supervisory skills, conflict resolution, interviewing skills, problem solving, developing leadership skills, team and individual decision making and the application of Federal and State law to the workplace.

(3) Health-related fields, including, but not limited to, continuing education for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, critical care nurses, dental assistants and hygienists and certification for nurse aides.

(4) Vocational and industrial jobs in such fields as welding, machine tool and die, electronics, safety, plastics technology, hydraulics, construction, warehouse/materials management, automotive repair and management, heating, ventilation and air conditioning and refrigeration.

(5) Professional development, including required continuing education courses in a variety of fields, including, but not limited to, real estate, travel industry, early childhood education, child care, food service management and supervision and dietary management and supervision.

(6) New categories of noncredit work force development courses shall be added and existing categories shall be expanded from time to time by the Department of Education in consultation with the community colleges as technology

advances and changes in the nature of jobs in the workplace may require.

(7) Noncredit work force development courses may be offered by a community college at an off-campus site or at any of its facilities.

State appropriation

2,107,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 706 adds \$2.1 million which will restore the workforce development course reimbursement rate to 100 percent of the credit-course reimbursement.

In 1993, Mr. Speaker, the community colleges had only received 70 percent of the amount needed for a full-time-equivalent student. We would like to raise that 70 percent to 100 percent reimbursement, to provide up-to-date, state-of-the-art courses and programs in all our community colleges. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	Masland	Seyfert
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Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	Geist	McNaughton	Stairs
Bishop	George	Melio	Steelman
Blaum	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steil
Boscola	Gladeck	Micozzie	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Mihalich	Stetler
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Cam	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
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Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Conti	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
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Corpora	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
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DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

NAYS-1

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

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?

Mr. SURRA offered the following amendment No. A0491:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 17,870,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 57, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 750,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Will the gentleman wait until he is recognized.

Mr. SURRA. I thought you recognized me, Mr. Speaker. I could not hear you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to recognize the gentleman, Mr. Surra. I want a proper recognition for you so everyone knows who you are.

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide the amendment, and I would like to delete lines 1, 2, and 3 and offer lines 4, 5, and 6.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Surra, asks that the amendment be divided between 3 and 4, and it is so divided.

The gentleman withdraws lines 1, 2, and 3 from consideration and offers to the House for consideration, as the second portion of his amendment, lines 4, 5, and 6.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized on those particular lines of the amendment.

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Basically, what the amendment does in its divided form is add \$250,000 to the school-to-work appropriation, increasing it to a total of \$750,000.

I would appreciate the support of the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-193

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

DeLuca	Lederer	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rublely	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-7

Armstrong	Lawless	McNaughton	Yewcic
Brown	Leh	Rohrer	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. CARONE offered the following amendment No. A0590:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 14,000,000

Amend Sec. 213, page 59, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

For payment of grants to political subdivisions to assist in the cleanup of scrap tires.

State appropriation 2,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Carone.

Ms. CARONE. Mr. Speaker, I would request that we divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4 and ask that we withdraw lines 1, 2, and 3 and consider lines 4 through 8.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. Lines 1, 2, and 3 are withdrawn, and the House has before it lines 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The lady is recognized.

Ms. CARONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, A0590, would provide an additional \$2 million to be used to clean up scrap tire piles in Pennsylvania. We have had two major fires, both in Philadelphia and Washington Counties, in the last several years that have cost a great deal to clean up.

What we are very anxious to do, obviously, is use Act 190, which was passed in 1996 with Representative Argall sponsoring that legislation, which provided a modest amount of money in tax credits and \$1 million for cleanup. By adding the additional \$2 million, we should be able to move forward with the goal of the year 2000 not having dangerous scrap tire piles in existence in Pennsylvania.

When we calculate that it costs between 50 cents and \$1.25 to move a scrap tire from one of these piles, obviously, with 25 million out there, we need more money than \$1 million per year in addition to the \$2-million tax credit.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SURRA offered the following amendment No. A0748:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	980,531,000
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Amend Sec. 212, page 57, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	44,126,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to divide this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible. Between lines 3 and 4?

Mr. SURRA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Is it your desire to strike the first three lines?

Mr. SURRA. Yes. I would like to delete lines 1, 2, and 3 and offer lines 4, 5, and 6.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Surra, withdraws lines 1, 2, and 3 from consideration, and lines 4, 5, and 6, the second portion of the divided amendment, are offered.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

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

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, lines 4, 5, and 6 of amendment 748 basically is a \$3-million supplemental appropriation for the 1996-97 fiscal year for vocational education. Mr. Speaker, there was a shortfall in funding in this program in last year's budget, and that simply replenishes it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would appreciate all the members' support.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Armstrong, on the question.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the maker of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I recently received a letter from our area vocational-technical schools lamenting over the fact that their funding was being cut. Does this particular reimplementation of these dollars take care of that cut?

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

Mr. SURRA. Mr. Speaker, this would bring the funding level back to what they originally got and would take care of that problem.

Basically, what happened in the last fiscal year, while vocational education was funded at the same level, \$3 million was designated specifically for Bidwell, and this can jeopardize some Federal funding, and it also puts in a bind all of our vocational schools, but actually, it is a \$3-million shortfall. This would be a supplemental appropriation and hopefully take care of that problem.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a comment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order. You may begin.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I am in support of this appropriation as well as I was with a number of other amendments that assisted vo-techs and community colleges.

We are in a dire position in Pennsylvania here where we are going to need more of a skilled workforce, and I think this will go a long ways in meeting that need.

So I stand in support of this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. STAIRS offered the following amendment No. A0615:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 980,231,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 58, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

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

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to divide this amendment between lines 3 and 4 and withdraw lines 1 through 3.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided, and the first three lines are withdrawn from consideration. Lines 4, 5, and 6 are before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would increase the spending by \$3.3 million to a total of \$8 million for the education line item for alternative education.

All the polls, the major opinion polls, indicate education being a top item among the people being polled, and the safety of the learning experience and learning environment is of utmost concern. This amendment would remove the disruptive students, and certainly, to make the classrooms more safe and to help the learning environment in our schools.

The money is being taken from corrections, and hopefully the money will be spent early rather than later, and it will be much cheaper for our taxpayers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimanti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Belfanti	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Stairs
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Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Stevenson
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Surra
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Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	Trich
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Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
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Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Argall	Rooney	Wogan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. CURRY offered the following amendment No. A0640:

Amend Sec. 202, page 24, by inserting between lines 23 and 24

For grants to municipal and county law enforcement offices and agencies to participate in and link to the State Police Law Enforcement Fingerprint Network.

State appropriation	2,000,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Curry, on the amendment.

Mr. CURRY. Amendment 0640 makes an appropriation to the Commission on Crime and Delinquency for grants to municipal and county law enforcement agencies to participate in and link to the State Police Law Enforcement Fingerprint Network. This will be an important tool for our local police departments in fighting crime.

I urge its adoption.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Blaum	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Stevenson
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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?

Mrs. MILLER offered the following amendment No. A0739:

Amend Sec. 208, page 33, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 100,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 66, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,944,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment increases the funding for the open dairy show in Pennsylvania by \$10,000 for an even \$100,000 appropriation.

For those folks who are not familiar with this dairy show, it is actually an event that brings into Pennsylvania roughly \$250,000 in revenues. They host many animals from other States and Canada at this show, and it certainly does give Pennsylvania the opportunity to showcase its number one industry and its number one livestock species, the dairy cattle.

So I would ask for your support in this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. Mrs. Miller, may I suggest that your amendment be divided between lines 3 and 4 and that you withdraw from consideration lines 4, 5, and 6.

Mrs. MILLER. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. All right. Consider that done, and before the House are lines 1, 2, and 3 for consideration.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if there is something wrong with the copy of HB 847 on my desk or whether there is something wrong in the drafting of the amendment. The amendment wants to add \$10,000 to what appears to be page 33, line 13, but the language of the amendment says "line 14." I just want to make sure that if in fact my copy of HB 847 is correct, that the Reference Bureau will change that and put the \$10,000 where the maker of the amendment intends.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lloyd, is absolutely correct.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Battisto	Feese	McCall	Shaner
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Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steelman
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Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stetler
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

Mr. COWELL offered the following amendment No. A0735:

Amend Sec. 212, page 52, line 6, by inserting after "components."
This amount also includes \$13,141,323 to be distributed to school districts who have students enrolled in special education programs classified as severe by the Department of Education in excess of 1% of the district enrollment. Payments are to be calculated by multiplying the number of students classified as severe which are in excess of 1% of the district enrollment by \$13,450.

Amend Sec. 212, page 52, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 634,357,000

Amend Sec. 251, page 130, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,784,000

Amend Sec. 251, page 131, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,784,000

Amend Sec. 251, page 131, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,857,000

Amend Sec. 251, page 132, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,857,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 142, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 7,005,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 143, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 7,005,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 144, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,059,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 145, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,059,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Cowell, is recognized.
Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, first I would like to propose that the amendment be divided on page 1, between lines 16 and 17, and I would like to withdraw from consideration the language, page 1, line 17, through line 13 on page 2.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible, and your suggested division is appropriate, and that portion that you have stricken, you have withdrawn, the balance is before the House.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. You are recognized with respect to part 1 of the amendment.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, under the current special-education funding law that we use in this State, the Commonwealth pays to school districts special-education dollars based on some presumed counts. One of the things we do is to assume that every school district has 1 percent of its schoolchildren who are with severe disabilities, and under the Governor's proposal this year, we would pay to each of those school districts for each of those children included in that 1-percent count \$13,400.

What is wrong with our system or one of the things wrong with our system is that it ignores the fact that many school districts have children with severe needs that, when added up, are in excess of 1 percent of their student enrollment, and this is particularly wrong because these are often some of the most expensive children to educate and they are often found in some of the poorest school districts in the State.

My amendment would provide an additional \$13,400 for every child in excess of the 1-percent count in school districts where the total severe enrollment in fact is in excess of 1 percent. This is the kind of change that we ought to make permanently to the law to protect the interests of all of our school districts that may be in this situation.

But for the current fiscal year, I would encourage us to approve this amendment that recognizes that about 85 school districts would be eligible for these additional funds, which would help them pay for the education of some of the most severely disabled children in our public schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Stairs.
Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do support help for special ed and do support the increased funding for special ed, and certainly we have to address the inadequate funding proposals that we have had over the years, but I raise some very serious questions on this amendment. I would hope that the members would take a few moments to listen to my remarks because I am fearful that we are moving a funding system or mechanism outside the existing formula and some serious repercussions may result from this.

First of all, we are, I think, going to give an incentive to label children "severe" as an opportunity to increase reimbursement, regardless of how this may affect the children, and it may not be in their best interest.

I think the mistake we are making with this amendment is that we are doing away with the idea of inclusion and certainly having a financial incentive to districts to segregate children in special classes. As we debate this amendment this evening, the State Department of Education is involved in a class-action suit in which they are trying to protect the modification of the funding system, which would be greatly affected by this, and of course, the

department cannot support anything that would give an incentive to segregating the classes, taking away the incentive proposal. So in speaking with the department, they cannot support this kind of a funding mechanism.

If we do move toward this funding — if we are successful in passing this amendment and we move toward this funding type — we really kind of have a problem of, how do we count these students? How do we compare the cost of the regular classroom versus special classrooms? How do we determine the extra time that is spent by support personnel and the support mechanism, which is extra money? How do we take into account this extra expenditure? And probably the most important thing, how do we verify costs? Over the years we have been using the aggregative formula, the aggregative number, and not a label.

In closing, you know, I might say that certainly we need changes. Hopefully we can do this in the committee process and be able to study the ramifications of a drastic change like this — how it is going to affect the placement and labeling of students. So I realize in a few districts in the Commonwealth, this is going to be a windfall for you, you are going to make some more money for your districts, but most districts will not benefit, and even the largest district in the State, Philadelphia, would not benefit from this.

So there are many problems out there. Hopefully we can address those, but we should do it in a more deliberative manner rather than a late moment in time like this on the amendment floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the maker of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell, indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, I just want to understand, because the language does not really make reference to the current formula at all, am I correct that if this amendment passes, most of the money in this line item continues to be distributed on the basis of the assumption that 1 percent of the district's enrollment is severely retarded?

Mr. COWELL. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, most of the money in this line item will be driven out by that language that is found in the School Code. The \$13 million-plus that I propose that we add to that line item would be excess, unless we provide for language that prescribes how it is to be distributed. That is why the additional language is found in the amendment to this budget.

Mr. LLOYD. So none of my districts, even though they get no money under your amendment, none of them will lose any money under your amendment?

Mr. COWELL. Every school district will continue to receive everything that it is entitled to under the current law. We do not change the current law. It is found in the School Code. What my amendment does do, in contrast to what Representative Stairs suggested, and that is doing something outside the formula, we do add another level to the formula, and we recognize that some school districts in fact may have more than 1 percent of their kids, and if we are going to treat them fairly, we ought to recognize those kids and compensate the school district for those kids. That is what my amendment does.

Mr. LLOYD. And one final question, Mr. Speaker: The superintendents in my county have on a regular basis complained to me that the current formula does not cover their costs, yet when I have looked at this printout and I look at the effect, no one in my county gets any money. If they are correct that they are not getting adequate reimbursement for the severely retarded in those districts now, how can this amendment then fairly address their problem?

Mr. COWELL. I noted, in introducing the amendment, that there are several things wrong with the current formula. The current formula drives money out assuming that 1 percent of a district's kids are severely handicapped and 15 percent are mildly handicapped. It has nothing to do with real kids, real costs. It makes no effort to really determine the real circumstances in any school district.

So all I am trying to do with this modest amendment is to deal with one piece of the problem, and that is the fact that many school districts have more than 1 percent of their kids who very fairly are classified as "severely handicapped" and whose costs right now are fully borne by the school district.

Mr. LLOYD. But it would be correct that some of the districts in my county which are getting nothing under your formula may in fact not be getting adequate reimbursement from the State for the students that they currently have in special ed.

Mr. COWELL. Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, practically every school district is treated unfairly in terms of what the State is sending to our school districts, and to correct that, we would have to make very significant changes to the current law, something that this General Assembly has not indicated a willingness to do and something that I surely would not try to do through a floor amendment to the budget. That will require more substantial change.

In the meantime, while we debate that, I am offering this modest change to correct a problem that practically everybody agrees is in fact a problem and one of the major sources of unfairness in the current formula.

Mr. LLOYD. And the pot of money that was supposed to be available to cover extraordinary circumstances, does that continue to exist?

Mr. COWELL. That pot of money continues to exist, to be distributed by the Department of Education using the same criteria the department has used for several years. That has not changed either.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Fargo.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, I would reiterate what has been said by the last two speakers here. I know that with my eight school districts, I believe that during the last 2 years I have heard from every one of them that the special-education formula that is being used has not given them sufficient moneys for the costs of special education. So I think this is, as has been stated already, a problem that is pretty much across the State of Pennsylvania.

I appreciate the maker of this amendment in providing for all of the members here a tabulation of what this amendment will mean to your particular school districts, to your particular counties, and in looking at it find that none of the eight school districts in my legislative district will receive any kind of a reimbursement from this amount of money.

Now, previously we passed another amendment that would increase special education by \$10,300,000, and that was also slanted toward the major cities in Pennsylvania in that the IU's, the intermediate units, had to be adjacent to the cities in order to receive any moneys from that. So if this amendment is passed, it means that over \$20 million is going to be added to the special-education formula, and none of it is going to get into the rural areas where I am sure that it is needed as much as it is. Maybe they are not quite so sophisticated as to be indicating to the Department of Education just exactly how many people they have or how many students they have that are severely handicapped, but I do know that this is not going to help my area and I do not think it will help a lot of the rest, and with \$20 million of extra moneys, it seems to me that the rest of us should be getting some help.

I believe the formula itself should be changed. We should not be going piecemeal at it as we are doing here, and hopefully we will not vote for this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the Cowell amendment.

The previous speaker mentioned a prior amendment that had run on the floor earlier today, and I agree with him. On that amendment, there was no basis for driving \$10.3 million to two school districts in the State of Pennsylvania with the exception of the fact that there had been a special deal struck in last year's budget and so we were going to continue that special deal in this year's budget.

Unlike that amendment, which passed with 132 votes earlier today, this amendment actually makes some sense. It is based on real numbers. It is the severe special-education version of what the Governor is proposing with the mild special-education version of funding for special education in the State of Pennsylvania. The Governor set out a plan where we are funding special education at a rate of 15 percent, and then anything over and above those 15-percent numbers in school districts gets an additional appropriation, and that is part of the Governor's plan.

What Representative Cowell has done is understood that there is another component of that special-education funding, and that is severe special-education needs, and that those excess costs over and above the 1 percent also need to be funded. And while my school district or no school district in my county gets additional funding under Representative Cowell's proposal, someday they might. Someday they might actually have those numbers existing in their school district, and the day they do, I would like to make sure that there is some safety net there, and that is why it is important that we understand what Representative Cowell's amendment does. It simply says that when actual numbers exist above the 1 percent, the State will help pick up some of that cost — not all of the cost, because the \$13,400 does not pick up all of the cost of educating those special-needs students, but it at least creates some buffer for those school districts. And it may occur in rural areas at some point in time; it may occur in urban areas at another point in time. We have no way of knowing where it is going to occur or when it is going to occur.

But I would urge members not to just look at the printout and say, well, if my school district does not get additional money as a result of this, I am voting against it. Think of the fact that these are actual numbers that exist throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and this is a slightly different version of the Governor's proposal.

I would urge your support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The lady, Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the amendment stand for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell, indicates he will. You may proceed.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, one of the previous speakers indicated some concern about inappropriate labeling of children in need of special education as "severely disabled" in order to enable the school districts to take advantage of the provisions of this amendment. Could you clarify for the members what the difference is between students who are mildly disabled and students who are severely disabled and briefly discuss the likelihood of mislabeling a child as "severely disabled"?

Mr. COWELL. Mr. Speaker, again, practically everybody agrees that it is impossible for a school district to make up a student who is severely handicapped. They do not manufacture these kids. Typically, they are multiple-handicapped. There is no question that they are severely handicapped, and there is no question that they are very expensive to educate. Even getting \$13,400 from the State typically provides only a portion of reimbursement for the actual costs a school district incurs for severely handicapped kids. There is no financial incentive.

Additionally, there is no problem counting these kids, and there is no concern or there should be no concern about this amendment today causing school districts to mislabel kids. In fact, the numbers that are reflected in the printout and the numbers that would be used to drive out the \$13 million are for kids who have already been counted by the Department of Education's own definition as they reported that count to the Federal Government just within the last few months. It reflects the actual kid count of December of 1995, the most recent actual figures. These are kids that were already counted. There was no problem counting them, and there surely is no incentive for mislabeling, because these are kids who existed last year.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The question was also raised, if we drive out more money to the school districts for severely disabled children, will this somehow provide a disincentive to school districts to mainstream these children who are expensive to educate?

Mr. COWELL. Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, again, and I think in the opinion of representatives of school districts who have been asking for this more fair treatment, this does not influence at all the behavior of school districts in terms of the placement of children.

First of all, the State and Federal law is very clear in terms of where kids are to be placed and in protecting the rights of kids and their parents with regard to placement. We cannot change that by more fairly reimbursing school districts. And secondly, we have found that in some instances, it is more expensive to provide children the inclusive education setting. So our failure to respond to school districts and our failure to adequately reimburse them may indeed be the disincentive with respect to children being appropriately placed in the inclusive setting.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That concludes my interrogation. May I speak on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The lady is in order.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you.

My daughter attends school with a number of severely disabled children who are mainstreamed, and when I visited her classroom and when I saw what is necessary in order to help these children have the fullest possible educational experience, it seems intuitively obvious that that has to be more expensive than separating the severely disabled children from the other children in a given school district.

It does not make any sense to suppose that by cutting back on funding for school districts to provide for these severely handicapped children we will somehow persuade those school districts to enrich their educational experience. What we really need to do is to provide money that will enable the districts to give these children the best possible education, and Representative Cowell's amendment is at least a step in the right direction.

And I may say that looking at the school districts in my county, I see that indeed it does drive out money to some of the districts that I think need it most. It may be only half a loaf, but it is better than nothing.

The SPEAKER. Perfect timing, and done with such grace.

The gentleman, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will not take up 5 minutes, so there will not have to be a countdown.

I just want to state, looking at these numbers, that there are real expenses. And first of all, I really want to back up and say that I have no problem with driving these dollars out to our school districts. I am very much in favor of that. However, when I look at the numbers that are here, I want to point out that there are real people here, real people that have got major problems, and we need to try to help every single one of them out, not just a couple of school districts that have some magic number that gets them over the hump of 1 percent. I have a number of school districts in my own area that are just a matter of two or three underneath that 1 percent, and those kids are not going to be helped.

I want those kids to be helped, and I would like all of these dollars to go out and help all of those kids. That is why I am going to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. REBER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a short — what is it called? — interrogation. I have only been here 16 years.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell, agrees to be interrogated.

Mr. REBER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a point of clarification. You have divided your amendment as originally offered, and you did have a handout. As a result of the division, will there be any change in the calculations for the respective supplements for the respective districts that are receiving money under your printout as handed out?

Mr. COWELL. There will be no change. The language that was withdrawn only provided other sources to find the \$13 million when we thought that was necessary.

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

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

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to take this opportunity to indicate that the chairman of the Education Committee I believe made some

excellent points on this amendment and particularly with respect to why we should oppose the amendment, and I would just encourage the members to follow the lead of the chairman of the Education Committee and oppose the amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cowell, for the second time on the issue.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, the Republican chairman of the Education Committee is dead wrong on the arguments he made to oppose this amendment.

First of all, this is not a windfall to any school district. What I propose to do with this amendment is to fairly reimburse school districts which are not being reimbursed for students who are severely handicapped, whom they have a responsibility to educate, if those kids are in excess of the 1-percent count.

Representative Armstrong, with respect to the point he made about some of the kids not getting helped, was incorrect in his analysis of the amendment. Under the current law, all children are reimbursed to the school district to the tune of the \$13,400 until they reach that 1-percent threshold. It is only the kids who exceed the 1 percent who represent unreimbursed kid count for the school district.

It is not hard to count these kids, as I suggested earlier. They have already been counted by the Department of Ed, and they are counted and reported in this book distributed by the Department of Ed in January of 1997. There is no incentive to mislabel these kids, because they have already been counted. We are talking about providing reimbursement to school districts for the expenses they have already incurred for kids already counted.

Mr. Speaker, this is a major problem. It is one of the major inadequacies of our current system. I do not propose to correct the whole system today; it would take millions of additional dollars to do that. But we can correct one of the most onerous problems with our current system, and that is the fact that our current reimbursement system ignores the fact that many school districts — in this year, 85 of our school districts — have more than 1 percent of their kids who are severely handicapped. For all of those other school districts, we fully reimburse them \$13,400 for each of their kids who are severely handicapped, but for these 85 districts we say, even though you have more than 1 percent, we are only going to reimburse you for the 1 percent; you have got to eat the rest yourself.

Mr. Speaker, this is one of the worst unfunded State mandates that we have. We tell our school districts that they must do certain things for all of our special-needs kids, and that is appropriate. But for those districts that happen to have a large number of severely disabled children, who have an obligation to educate them, we say to those school districts, we are going to ignore your extraordinary numbers of kids; we are going to ignore the extraordinary costs you incur; we are going to tell you and your local taxpayers you are on your own 100 percent for those kids, whether it is 1 extra kid or 200 extra kids.

Mr. Speaker, that is wrong. Here is a chance to correct it. I urge that we approve the amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	DiGirolamo	Lawless	Semmel
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Bard	Fairchild	Lloyd	Smith, S. H.
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Civera	Habay	Miller	Wilt
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Cohen, L. I.	Herman	Pettit	Zug
Conti	Hershey	Phillips	
Cornell	Hess	Reinard	Ryan,
Dally	Hutchinson	Rohrer	Speaker
Dempsey	Jadlowiec	Ruble	

NOT VOTING-2

O'Brien Taylor, J.

EXCUSED-3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. BARD offered the following amendment No. A0581:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,010,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 58, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

For teacher training and curriculum on the Holocaust, genocide, slavery and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850.

State appropriation 60,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady. Ms. BARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4 and withdraw from consideration lines 1 through 3.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. Lines 1, 2, and 3 are withdrawn. The following lines, 4 through 9, are before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady.

Ms. BARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides a new appropriation of \$60,000 for the education of human rights violations, including acts of genocide, the Holocaust, slavery, and the mass starvation of Ireland in 1845 to 1850.

This amendment is in accord with HR 297, passed unanimously on April 29, 1996, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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Battisto	Feese	McCall	Shaner
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Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
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Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steelman
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Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carn	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
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Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
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Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
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Colafrilla	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Conti	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
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Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rublely	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Argall Rooney Wogan

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

Ms. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0665:

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, by inserting between lines 18 and 19
For Cluster Enhancement and Regional
Strategies to provide grants to create
regional partnerships to enhance cluster
industry development and to undertake
strategic industry opportunity analysis.
State appropriation 1,750,000
Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 20, by striking out all of said line and
inserting
State appropriation 10,592,000

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady.
Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I would like to split this amendment and divide it, to keep lines
1 through 8 and to withdraw lines 9 through 11.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible, and it is divided
between lines 8 and 9, and lines 9, 10, and 11 are withdrawn. The
balance is before the House.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The lady is recognized.
Ms. WILLIAMS. In various areas of our State, we have the
opportunity for centers of excellence in strategic industries. For
instance, in my district we have strength in pharmaceuticals and in
biotechnology.

My amendment authorizes \$1,750,000 to create regional
partnerships of strategic industries, a smart way to create jobs and
to prepare a workforce to fill jobs. These partnerships will
encourage industry-driven skills programs, consortiums for
marketing, centers to develop new businesses.

I urge you to vote for this amendment. Thank you.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair returns momentarily to leaves of
absence and recognizes the majority whip, who asks that the
gentleman, Mr. Wogan, be removed from the leave of absence list.
The Chair hears no objection.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 847 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimanti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
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Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Melio, who offers amendment 531, which may be on your desks as an amendment ordered by Mr. Tangretti.

The clerk will read amendment 531.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MELIO offered the following amendment No. A0531:

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, by inserting between lines 15 and 16
For Epilepsy support services.

State appropriation 500,000

Amend Sec. 216, page 74, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 15,975,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of amendment 531, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to divide the amendment, deleting lines 4, 5, and 6 and providing lines 1, 2, and 3.

PART 2 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible. Lines 4, 5, and 6 will make up the second portion of the amendment. They are withdrawn. Lines 1, 2, and 3 are before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

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

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides the State appropriation of \$500,000 for epilepsy support services from the Department of Health. I would appreciate your support.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 1 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 1 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. WALKO offered the following amendment No. A0539:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 2,500,000

Amend Sec. 208, page 34, line 25, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 15,650,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.
Mr. WALKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would first like to request that the amendment be divided between lines 3 and 4, and that lines 1, 2, and 3 be withdrawn and I will offer lines 4, 5, and 6 of the amendment.

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible and stands divided. Lines 1, 2, and 3, being the first portion, are withdrawn; lines 4, 5 and 6 being before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Walko, is recognized.

Mr. WALKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that we increase the State appropriation for grants to counties for the purchase of food for needy people by the amount of \$2 million. HB 847, our budget bill, provides now for \$13.6 million.

The State food purchase program is extremely effective. In Allegheny County alone, it leverages food for the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank down to 37 cents per pound. Half of the grant received by the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank is used to totally underwrite the cost of delivering food to small food banks on the front line at no expense.

The need for the program is self-evident. In Allegheny County alone, there are 28,500 households who use the program. Last year, last fiscal year, 100,000 people in Allegheny County received help from the food banks. Now, this again will cover all 67 Pennsylvania counties.

Keep in mind that the efforts of our food banks are the epitome of public-private partnerships. Many corporations, churches, community organizations, and most importantly, thousands of volunteers help to bring millions upon millions of dollars' worth of food through this program to the hungry. We need to be an important partner in that effort, and a relatively small increase in the amount of \$2 million out of our \$17-billion budget would help us to do that.

Now, food prices have increased through the various years, and during that time there has been no increase in the program. We, therefore, have some serious catching up to do, and an additional \$2-million appropriation will help us take a tremendous step forward. Please support the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Pippy.

Mr. PIPPY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in support of amendment 539, the Walko amendment, which adds \$2 million to the food bank funding.

In this day when it is popular for the Federal Government to downsize and mandate the local control of our social programs, I believe it is our responsibility as State legislators to stand up, make a difference, and be counted, especially in the area of the food banks, which serve the most vulnerable in our society.

In Allegheny County alone, as it was alluded to, there are an estimated 30,000 children who depend on or could directly benefit from the food bank. While I do not believe that State government can solve all of our social problems, I support this amendment because I have been there, I have seen our local food banks, how

they feed the hungry, and the effect that the cooperation between the volunteers, private charities, and government can have on the program.

Together, they are making a difference. I think this formula of support is essential to sustain funding for those who are less fortunate among us. I ask for your affirmative vote in this matter.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING**

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We will now turn to packet No. 1 and call up amendment 447, which in your packet has the name "Teresa Brown" but will be offered by Representative Boyes.

The clerk will read the amendment.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BOYES** offered the following amendment No. **A0447**:

Amend Sec. 223, page 111, line 15, by inserting after "activities."
A portion of these funds is to be used for
the continued operation and maintenance
of the six crime laboratories.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Mr. Boyes.

Mr. **BOYES**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment inserts language to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the six crime labs currently operating under the State Police in the budget. It does not call for an increased appropriation. It is for the specified moneys for the operation of the State Police crime labs.

An issue arose because of a study of looking at the aspect of possibly curtailing the operations of three of the existing six crime labs. We as legislators have met in northeastern Pennsylvania, in Delaware County and in Erie County. The Erie County crime lab that serves 165 police departments and the 13 counties of northwestern Pennsylvania has been in continued operation at the Troop "E" Headquarters in Lawrence Park Township, Erie County, since 1971. It has been very effective in serving law enforcement, as all the crime labs have, in providing vital services to local governments. It would be a substantial cost to local governments and certainly an unfunded mandate that we would not want without the continued operation.

By an affirmative vote on this amendment for the six crime labs, we would be sending the message clearly that we have met, reviewed it, and we want to continue the crime lab program as currently exists with the Pennsylvania State Police. I ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Boyes amendment.

In Wyoming, in Luzerne County, we have a crime lab as well, and as part of the Crime Commission report, there has been some recommendation to either close or consolidate that crime lab. It would be devastating to the 13 counties served by that crime lab in Wyoming.

Over 34,000 cases were served in 1996 at the State crime labs. These crime labs support the criminal chain of evidence that our district attorneys use to prosecute criminals throughout the Commonwealth.

I urge support for this amendment. It is important to law enforcement and our communities. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

YEAS-201

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

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?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair calls up amendment 461, which in your packet has Representative Adolph's name but will be offered by Representative Barley. He will offer the following amendment, which the clerk will read.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. BARLEY offered the following amendment No. A0461:

Amend Sec. 215, page 72, line 12, by inserting after "activity" and \$150,000 for epilepsy services

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is really an amendment that is just a language amendment, and what it does is it earmarks \$150,000 in Federal dollars to be used for epilepsy services, and I urge an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

YEAS-201

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
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Argall Rooney

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?

Mrs. TAYLOR offered the following amendment No. A0462:

Amend Sec. 215, page 73, line 28, by striking out "home ventilators." and inserting
\$944,000 for the Ventilator Assisted
Children/Home Program.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Chester County, Representative Taylor.

Mrs. TAYLOR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am sure that many of the members of the House have been contacted by their constituents concerning the special-needs children in the home ventilator assistance children's home program. This amendment is earmarking \$944,000 of the services to children with special needs. This is the current amount of the 1996-97 funding for this program, and it earmarks funding for

ventilator-dependent children, ensuring the continuation of case management and respite-care services.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Somerset County, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, I would like to interrogate the maker of the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, I want to understand the impact of taking \$944,000 away from home ventilators and allocating them for the Ventilator Assisted Children/Home Program. I do not really understand the distinction, but I am concerned that if I vote for this amendment, somebody in my district is not going to get something that he or she would have under the Governor's budget.

Mrs. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that we are not taking away money from any of the programs. It is merely earmarking this amount of money to continue the comprehensive case management and respite care for these children. But it is not taking away any money.

Mr. LLOYD. Well, then am I correct that that is the level, this \$944,000 is the level which the Governor has proposed to spend for the Ventilator Assisted Children/Home Program, and you are just putting language into the bill? That is money that in his budget he intends to spend for that purpose and not for something else?

Mrs. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, that is exactly correct.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Chester County, Mrs. Taylor, for the second time.

Mrs. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I just wish to again ask the Assembly to cast an affirmative vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **RAYMOND** offered the following amendment No. **A0463**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 90, line 29, by inserting after "Program."
No less than 15% of the total LIHEABG
grant funds shall be used for
weatherization.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Raymond.

Mr. **RAYMOND**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment provides that no less than 15 percent of the total low-income energy assistance block grant be used for weatherization purposes. It is the same language that was inserted in the budget last year, and this amendment is budget-neutral.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **PHILLIPS** offered the following amendment No. **A0464**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 91, line 4, by inserting after "plans."
The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient in the Family Care Network to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

Amend Sec. 219, page 93, line 21, by inserting after "clients."
The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient in the Family Care Network to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northumberland, Mr. Phillips.

Mr. **PHILLIPS**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment includes language in the medical assistance outpatient State appropriation, which prohibits the Department of Public Welfare from requiring a recipient of the Family Care Network to obtain a physician's referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

This same language was in the budget for the year 1996-97. It is the identical language that is in the budget now, and I would ask for support of this amendment. Thank you.

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

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Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **KENNEY** offered the following amendment No. **A0465**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 96, line 28, by inserting after "programs" and \$1,000,000 for emergency mental retardation services

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Kenney.

Mr. **KENNEY**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment adds language to the community mental retardation services State appropriation, earmarking \$1 million of that appropriation for emergency mental retardation services. This language is consistent with the language that was included in last year's budget, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Rooney

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?

Mr. NICKOL offered the following amendment No. A0466:

Amend Sec. 219, page 102, line 4, by removing the period after "adjustment" and inserting and \$473,000 for day-care services for children of seasonal migrant workers.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Adams-York, Mr. Nickol.

Mr. NICKOL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Funding for migrant day care has traditionally been a separate line item in the State budget. Last year the money was folded into the State day-care appropriations with language earmarking the portion of that appropriation to be used for migrant day care. The Governor has included funding in this year's State day-care appropriation to cover day-care services for the children of seasonal migrant workers. My amendment simply restores the earmarking language to ensure that that \$473,000 goes for its intended purpose.

I would appreciate your support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Madam Speaker, will the gentleman rise for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you.

The funds that are appropriated now under your amendment for migrant seasonal workers, did any of that portion that was allocated for the seasonal workers lapse under last year's budget or was it all used? Was there a waiting list or anything involved with that, or was there a lapsing fund?

Mr. NICKOL. To the best of my knowledge, all the money was used.

Mr. STURLA. Do you know, was there any waiting list? I know with some of the other day-care services that we provide, there are waiting lists of up to 6 to 9 months for subsidized day care. Was there any waiting list involved with the seasonal migrant workers?

Mr. NICKOL. I am sure there were a number of children of seasonal migrant laborers who were not covered by the appropriation.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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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?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the understanding of the Chair that amendment 469 has been withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. **BARD** offered the following amendment No. **A0470**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 50, lines 26 and 27, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
funding to school districts. The Commonwealth shall pay to each school district a basic education funding allocation which shall consist of the following: (i) An amount equal to the basic education funding allocation for the 1995-1996 school year pursuant to section 2502.31 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public

School Code of 1949; (ii) A base supplement payable to each school district which has a 1997-1998 market value/income aid ratio that is equal to or greater than four thousand ten-thousandths (0.4000) and which is calculated for each qualifying school district as follows: (A) multiply the school district's 1997-1998 market value/income aid ratio times its 1996-1997 average daily membership; (B) multiply this product times \$135,000,000; (C) divide the resultant product by the sum of the products of the 1997-1998 market value/income aid ratio times the 1996-1997 average daily membership for all qualifying districts; (iii) A growth supplement payable to each school district that has an average daily membership increase between the 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 school years and which is calculated for each qualifying school district as follows: (A) if the increase in average daily membership between the 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 school years is equal to or greater than one and five-tenths per centum (1.5%), multiply \$460 times the increase in average daily membership; (B) if the increase is less than one and five-tenths per centum (1.5%), multiply \$200 times the increase in average daily membership; and (iv) Each school district will be guaranteed a minimum increase to be calculated as follows: (A) each school district with a 1997-1998 market value/income aid ratio equal to or greater than six thousand five hundred ten-thousandths (0.6500) will receive additional funding, as necessary, so that the sum of the amounts in (ii), (iii) and (iv) will equal at least five per centum (5%) of the amount in clause (1); (B) each school district with a 1997-1998 market value/income aid ratio less than six thousand five hundred ten-thousandths (0.6500) will receive additional funding, as necessary, so that the sum of the amounts in (ii), (iii) and (iv) will equal at least two per centum (2%) of the amount in (1). The Secretary of Education, with

Amend Sec. 212, page 51, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation

3,539,594,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is informed that the lady has withdrawn that amendment.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady, Ms. Seyfert, offers the following amendment, which the clerk will read.

The Chair has been informed that that amendment has been withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A0473:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, lines 8 through 10, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, may I pass over this and run my next one, A0477?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are you suggesting that you are going to withdraw that amendment temporarily or withdraw it?

Mr. VITALI. I would like to pass over it with the intent of withdrawing should this one be successful.

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman passes over amendment 473 temporarily.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A0477:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 9, by inserting after "assistance."

Community revitalization and assistance grants shall be awarded based upon the merit of the project, and shall be advertised widely, listing application filing deadlines. All grant applications shall be available to the public for inspection. Grants shall be distributed directly to the grantees by a representative of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

What amendment 477 would do would be to set certain guidelines for the Community Revitalization Program. That program has come under much attention, and in my view, that has

become the functional equivalent of WAM's (walking-around moneys).

Unfortunately, with regard to this program, it has been billed as a merit-need-type program when in fact the opposite is just the case. I think many members are aware of the secrecy that has surrounded the distribution of these CRP grants, last fall in particular — legislators running around giving out grants to other legislators before the House as a whole was really privy to these grants.

I think the bottom line is that all of our communities, all of our municipalities, all of the potential applicants out there ought to be competing on a level playing field for limited grant moneys, and unfortunately, that is really not what is happening here. It has become a political slush fund, where favored legislators are getting grants and those who are not really do not have a shot.

What the amendment would do would be to create certain guidelines. In particular, the amendment would add some language to the appropriation. It would indicate that awards need be based on merit. The amendment would further indicate that the program must be widely advertised prior to the distribution of applications.

The amendment would also create filing deadlines. It is really impossible to have a competitive program unless you have filing deadlines. If you have deadlines for a specific pool of money, applicants can compete against each other for that specific pool of money.

And the amendment also would require that all applications for these CRP grants be open to the public. I have had great difficulty in trying to examine this program, getting applications from the Ridge administration. They simply will not give me many of the applications I have requested.

In summary, I think that I am not knocking the program as it stands, or rather, as it is conceived. I think its goals are good, I think the funding level is good, but I think what these guidelines will simply do will be for the next year's appropriation, allow it to be a more fair program so we are all competing on a level playing field.

I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Representative Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in support of the Vitali amendment.

The Community Revitalization Program was created last year to improve the stability of communities and enhance local economic conditions. It has been used by the administration as a discretionary rather than a competitive grant program. The resulting effect of this practice is that certain communities in the Commonwealth have received a disproportionate share of funding for projects compared to other communities, regardless of merit or need. Why, for example, should one municipality receive a \$2-million grant — nearly one-twelfth of the total amount allocated for eligible projects all across the Commonwealth for the entire fiscal year? Both the inequity and the secretive nature of the process by which grants were approved during the first year of this program points to the need for reform.

Last September, sequentially numbered grant applications were circulated to certain legislators prior to the establishment of award guidelines or program advertisements being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Not until after these initial prototype applications were distributed did the rest of the legislature become

aware of what was happening. A month later, grant guidelines were promulgated by the DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development). Official advertisement of the program did not occur until November 2, 1996. By this time, many of the decisions to award grants had already been made.

After reviewing the first 100 applications for 1996-97, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, in an article on March 28, 1997, found: Nearly \$9.3 million or 38 percent of the \$24.3 million allocated for the program was committed to projects prior to guidelines being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on November 2, 1996; DCED Secretary Thomas Hagen had approved 86 of the grant applications before — again — before the guidelines were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin; most of the 86 applications were awarded in September — more than a month before the guidelines were published and prior to October 8, 1996, when legislators were notified that grant applications were available; nearly all of the 110 grants approved, totaling about \$14.2 million in projects, were filled out on or before October 1 — a month before the guidelines were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Obviously, this is not how a competitive grant program should function.

Prior to 1995, a discretionary program existed to fund community projects. This program, too, had its faults. However, at least we all knew that it was separate and apart from merit-based programs which were advertised in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. As currently structured, the Community Revitalization Program operates under the guise of a merit-based program, when in fact it has functioned as little more than a political tool. As one administration official frankly stated in the Allentown Morning Call, "If there is a legislator who helped move Pennsylvania forward according to the governor's agenda, yes it is considered."

Citizens from across the Commonwealth deserve the right to see their community projects compete on a level playing field with those projects in other communities. Experience shows that this has not happened with the Community Revitalization Program. For this reason I believe we owe it to the people of Pennsylvania to forego spending their hard-earned tax dollars until we pass this legislation enabling the Community Revitalization Program to operate as a truly competitive and accountable grant program. I urge you to support the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Butler County, Representative Carone.

Ms. CARONE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Rather than repeating some of the arguments just given, I would like to add a couple of comments.

This particular program, the revitalization grant program, was not announced by the department in a press release so that throughout the State people would be aware in their organizations or their local governments that money was available. As you watched the other departments in the executive branch with grant programs, you frequently see their press releases, their announcements in bulletins, to enable people to be aware of the money that is available and to apply. I was very disappointed in this, and this is why I support the Vitali language.

I also will argue that many organizations who seek the funds in the revitalization program are organizations without paid staff, without a lot of resources to write good grant applications. When they take the time to do that, they deserve the right to know that their application is going to be considered competitively with the other applications.

Also critical is to be able to reward the best applications that are made in particular categories so that we can see model programs throughout Pennsylvania, so that they can be replicated.

I would argue that Representative Vitali's language is a major step forward in improving this program. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Do we understand that the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is now withdrawing A0473? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. YEWIC offered the following amendment No. A0478:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 9, by inserting after "assistance."
The total of this appropriation shall be divided and distributed equally among all legislative districts.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Mr. Yewic.

Mr. YEWIC. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As our previous vote indicates, taxpayers in every district across the Commonwealth want a program that is accountable and they want a fair shot at these funds. My amendment intends to distribute equally among every legislative district the total amount of money on the line appropriation. I ask for your support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greene County, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DEWEESE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to support the gentleman, Mr. Yewic's amendment.

During the Thornburgh administration and during the Casey administration, legislative initiative grants were an integral part of the process here in this building, in this chamber especially. Every nickel that was utilized in this program was audited by the Secretary of the Budget, the Attorney General, the Auditor General, and the State Treasurer, and to the best of my knowledge, not one nickel was ever considered to have been illegally spent.

Grants that the executive branch has had control over have been an elemental facet of Commonwealth government since William Penn. The fact is that in the 1980's, early and middle 1980's, Governor Thornburgh and Representative Jim Manderino helped sculpt this program whereby Little Leagues and senior citizen centers and fire companies and innumerable worthy projects in our legislative districts were helped.

A crucial decision we have to make during this budget process is whether the gentleman, Mr. Yewic's amendment will be adopted and utilized, and every member — every member of the 203 — from Speaker of the House to first-term member, will be

treated the same. Quite frankly, that is probably the way we should be doing things. Historically, that is not the way we did things, and we need to change. His amendment will help move us in that direction.

But it should not be lost upon this chamber in this debate that historically, at least in the last 2 years of the Ridge administration, these dollars were utilized in a manner that was not consistent with the Yewic amendment. The gentlelady from Luzerne indicated in her comments and the lady from Butler had indicated in the newspaper recently, a fire hall in one county should be considered the same as a fire hall in another county.

I think it is imperative that the State legislature have some ability to take money home for our legislative districts. I do not think that any executive — Thornburgh, Casey, Ridge, or whoever will serve in the future — should have total control over all of these funds. And if you take a look at the roughly \$16 billion that the Commonwealth will be spending in its own budget and the 16 billion in Federal augmentation dollars that will accrue — over \$30 billion — what we are asking for is a tenth or a fifth of a tenth — a gossamer-thin number — of 1 percent of all of the State budget.

So I would endorse the gentleman's proposal and hope that not only will it receive a favorable vote here, that my colleagues in the Republican leadership team will carry this across the goal line, so that in the future State legislators again can have the opportunity to take home several thousands of dollars to a Little League, a senior citizen center, or a fire hall. It is just not right that the executive branch have 100 percent of this availability and that this branch, an equal branch, a coequal part of State government, be left out in the cold.

I am glad that Mr. Vitali's amendment passed, and I hope that Mr. Yewic's will receive the same consideration. Thank you very kindly.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Representative Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I have a parliamentary inquiry, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Ms. MUNDY. What effect would this amendment have on the Vitali amendment, and what would be the resulting effect on grants? We are saying that we want the grants to be competitive and merit- and need-based, and yet we are also saying with the Yewic amendment that they be distributed evenly and equitably among all State legislators. Those two things do not seem to be compatible. Can you tell me what effect—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the two amendments cannot be molded together, since the Yewic amendment was the last one offered, it will take precedence.

Ms. MUNDY. May I speak on the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Ms. MUNDY. The Community Revitalization Program is a good grant program conceptually. We need to make it accountable, and we need to make it fair. We need the people who apply for these grants to be assured that if they have the ability to write a good grant, then they should get funding for their project.

I do not necessarily oppose the concept of legislative initiatives, and I could support a new program to grant legislative initiatives.

I would like to see it be more accountable than the old program. But I do not think that this is the vehicle for doing that. I think we need a competitive grant program to revitalize communities, which is what this is supposed to do.

So I reluctantly would ask that we oppose the Yewcic amendment, and I in the future would be happy to support a legislative initiative grant program where we could distribute money statewide in a flexible way to individual legislators, but please, let us not do it in this program. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I also rise in opposition to the Yewcic amendment. Although well intentioned, as indicated previously, it would serve to delete good language that we have just introduced in the previous amendment.

A basic principle in budgeting is that our tax dollars ought to be put to their highest and best use, and that is ensured by a competitive program where all applications compete on an equal footing and the merits and needs of each applicant are weighed so that only the best uses of our tax dollars are selected. Now, the problem with the Yewcic amendment is, it says that each legislative district gets the same amount. Now, the problem there is that there are certain legislative districts in any given year that may not have the needs of other legislative districts. There are certain legislative districts which are more affluent and simply are not as needy of our State dollars. The problem with the Yewcic amendment is that it really does not put our dollars to their best use. I think that the fact that a certain amount has to go to each legislative district, again, smacks or begins to smack of that self-promotional aspect that WAM's had, where we viewed the Commonwealth in terms of legislative districts and legislators bringing home the bacon to their districts.

I think that we have a choice here, and the choice really is between the two amendments we have just discussed. One would basically say that let us stick to the basic merit-need program, let all applicants compete on an equal playing field, and let us let the best grants be awarded. And if you subscribe to that, then a "no" vote is required here.

I think the Yewcic amendment imposes this artificial constraint of all districts have to get something every year, and that goes against the principles of good government, and I would ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (J. SCOT CHADWICK) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the Yewcic amendment.

While I understand some of the concerns that the previous speakers have had, I do not believe there would be a problem in melding the two amendments — the Vitali amendment that followed prior to this and the Yewcic amendment. It would simply mean that within those districts, there would have to be competition and merit within that district, and that would eliminate some of the problems that had existed with the previous WAM

program, where there were sort of pet projects that legislators brought in and other people that had worthwhile projects in a district maybe did not get theirs funded.

So I think there would still be the competition and the merit that is called for in the Vitali amendment, but it would also ensure that there is some money distributed throughout the State. If we subscribe strictly to a "where is the need the greatest," there are some parts of this State that would never get a single tax dollar back, because there are always parts of the State that have greater needs than other parts.

So I think what the Yewcic amendment does is helps evenly and fairly distribute some of that money and still allows for the merit and the competition called for in the Vitali amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen, is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with Mr. Sturla's interpretation of the Yewcic amendment. The Yewcic amendment would create a competitive process, within the guidelines set forth by the Vitali amendment, within each and every legislative district. Nothing in the Yewcic amendment repeals anything in the Vitali amendment. The Yewcic amendment merely serves to limit the effect of the Vitali amendment, to guarantee that all districts would be covered.

Now, as Mr. Yewcic would amend the Vitali amendment, the combined Vitali-Yewcic amendment would read as follows: "Community revitalization and assistance grants shall be awarded based upon the merit of the project, and shall be advertised widely, listing application filing deadlines. All...applications shall be available to the public for inspection. Grants shall be distributed...to the grantees by a representative of the Department of Community and Economic Development. The total of this appropriation shall be divided and distributed equally among all legislative districts."

There will be one paragraph that would deal with both Mr. Vitali's concerns and Mr. Yewcic's concerns. I would note that Mr. Vitali's language does not anywhere call for decisions to be based on need; the language merely calls for decisions to be based on merit. What "merit" is, is highly debatable. I am sure within this legislature, within this House, we have 203 different definitions of "merit," and I am sure if there were 10 bureaucrats in the department, they would have 10 different definitions of "merit." "Merit" is an inherently vague concept. It is very, very difficult to reach agreement on what "merit" is, and in combining the Vitali and Yewcic amendments, it would guarantee that all our districts would be represented and there would be some competitive process, some public process of outreach and awareness, guaranteeing that the money would be well spent.

I think the combination of the Vitali and Yewcic language is strongly in the public interest, and I would urge all members of this House to support the Yewcic amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Butler County, Representative Carone.

Ms. CARONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge a "no" vote on the Yewcic amendment. If we are going to deal with merit programs and we have got the language in to try to improve the program that has occurred during this past budget

year, let us move with that direction, and I would ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Community Revitalization Program as we know it is a process that has been very fair, open, and competitive. It is a process that has been serving the communities throughout Pennsylvania, both large and small. We have seen Salem Township in Westmoreland County benefit; we have seen the Prospect Fire Company in Lawrence County benefit. The program as we know it has been widely advertised. Let us not destroy a good program that is having a positive impact throughout Pennsylvania.

And you know what is really good about this program? It is the projects that it supports, and they are as diverse as the communities that all of us serve, and that does not matter if it is a project that has been in Allegheny County or a project in the northeast, in Monroe County. Each project that we have been serving through this program has its own personality and its unique strengths.

To pass this amendment and diminish the effectiveness of this program would be inappropriate, and I urge the members to reject this amendment.

The previous amendment that was adopted on the floor here this evening was an amendment that strengthened this program, and again, this is something that served all of our districts well in a very open, competitive process, and I urge the defeat of this amendment now that is before us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Lackawanna County, Mr. Cawley, is recognized on the amendment.

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

Mr. Speaker, one of the previous speakers mentioned that he thought something was wrong with giving the same amount to every district. If that is the way he feels, then I suggest that he go back to his constituents and tell them that I would like his constituents to pay more taxes than the people that I represent in Lackawanna County.

We all represent 58,000 to 60,000 people. They all pay basically the same amount of taxes to this organization down here in Harrisburg, and I think it ought to be divided up equally. And if you go and talk, as was mentioned by the minority leader, to the Little League organizations and the parents of those missy league groups and the peewee football groups about the old WAM system, they know that their tax dollars were coming back, and that was their tax dollars that they sent to us. I really and firmly believe that this is one way that we know that we are going to be bringing back home what we should bring back home, and that is the money that our taxpayers sent to us, and that is going to be fair.

The old merit system that we had within the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) program, one thing was wrong with it, it had no merit, and it was who you knew and when the application was sent in, and this was going on for 16 years here in Harrisburg, and I do not think that it was warranted at all. I think that every Representative in this General Assembly should receive the exact same amount of money for those districts, because that is exactly where that money comes from — each of those districts. No one in this room represents more than 60,000 people, and no one basically sends more taxes to this body than any other district.

We ought to bring some fairness back, and we ought to pass the Yewcic amendment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Horsey, on the amendment.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Yewcic amendment. It is a good amendment, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to clarify a point that the previous speaker was making in that this issue is not about, Mr. Speaker, quality. Quality was addressed, Mr. Speaker, with the previous amendment that went up on the floor and was passed. This amendment deals with quantity, Mr. Speaker — that is, quantity. Every Representative in this chamber — and we are all elected by the same number of people — gets the same amount of money for their district. Now, whether a district has more to offer than someone else, that has to do with economics, Mr. Speaker; it has nothing to do with being able to give someone in that district a need or fulfill a need in that particular district.

The other issue, Mr. Speaker, is the one mentioned by the minority leader, Mr. Speaker, and that is that in government, Mr. Speaker, we are an equal body to the executive branch and we should have the same force of power that the executive branch has. I am not saying take away the ability of the executive branch to give out funding and funds; I am saying give us the same abilities that the other branch has — that is, the executive branch of government.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Yewcic amendment and urge all my colleagues to do the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland County, Mr. Masland.

Mr. MASLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be very brief, because I know that a lot of points have already been covered by the previous speakers.

Let me just say, from my reading of the Vitali amendment and my reading of the present amendment from Mr. Yewcic, that basically you cannot have merit on the one hand and equally distribute the funds on the other hand and say that somehow they work together. If you have merit and you are going to try to equally distribute, from my perspective, they are mutually exclusive. "Merit" means you go, you give it to the programs that are the best, based on those grant applications, regardless of where they are.

As somebody who supports merit selection of judges, by analogy, let me say that I do not mind if through merit selection we select the best judges and they all happen to be from Allegheny or Philadelphia. If they are the best, they are the best and they do not have to come from Cumberland.

So let us do it fair, let us do it right, and let us reject this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Jarolin, is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. JAROLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one of the previous speakers had mentioned the fact of the fairness of this particular program that has been going on for the last 2 years. Discussing with a lot of my people here on the House floor and asking them if they received any Community Revitalization Program money, community development money, or any such form where we could take care of some of the

problems in our communities, I would estimate that 90 percent had said no. Well, what has been happening, it seems to me, like I do not know where it is coming from, but favoritism has shown; that those people that voted a certain way got a certain type of a grant.

I do not know if any money had been gotten up in the northeast, but I am terribly disturbed at the way the program grant is going on now. I submitted for various grants. I cannot even get the consideration for a reply from the department that is handling them, and they are extremely important grants — grants for sewers, grants for police cars, stuff like that; emergency pump stations. Not one response has come back to my office, maybe because I am voting with the Democrats. But I resent the fact that all legislators do not get the same consideration.

Somebody mentioned \$50,000 per legislator. That means less than \$1 per constituent. Stop and think about it. With the surplus of money that we have got, we should be given a lot more consideration. One of the local States around here, I do not know which one it was, but the House of Representatives and the Senate up there had voted on \$100,000 for each and every legislator to be utilized in maintenance funding in their particular communities. I, for one, can provide proof beyond doubt of how much of a distressed area we have got up there in northeastern Pennsylvania from the flood and from the snowfalls. All our streets are destroyed. We cannot get any money.

I am in favor of the Yewcic amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Yewcic, for the second time on his amendment.

Mr. YEWIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was prepared to vote for an amendment that would eliminate the grant program, but since we are not going to eliminate it, I think we ought to make it fair. And with the inclusion of the previous Vitali amendment, the programs that could be funded in each legislative district would be according to merit, that they would be accountable and legitimate projects, unlike the abused WAM system of the past. Since we are not going to eliminate it, let us make it fair and give all taxpayers a shot at receiving something back from their tax money.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-94

Armstrong	Curry	Lescovitz	Roebuck
Battisto	Daley	Levdansky	Sainato
Bebko-Jones	DeLuca	Lloyd	Santoni
Belfardi	Dermody	Lucyk	Shaner
Belfanti	DeWeese	Markosek	Staback
Bishop	Donatucci	Mayermik	Steil
Blaum	George	McCall	Stern
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Cappabianca	Hanna	Myers	Thomas
Carn	Horsey	Olasz	Tigue
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Conti	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wogan
Corpora	LaGrotta	Reinard	Wojnaroski
Corrigan	Laughlin	Rieger	Yewcic
Cowell	Lawless	Roberts	Youngblood
Coy	Lederer		

NAYS-106

Adolph	Fargo	Masland	Scrimenti
Allen	Feese	McGill	Semmel
Baker	Fichter	McIlhattan	Serafini
Bard	Fleagle	McNaughton	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	Micozzie	Smith, B.
Barrar	Gannon	Miller	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Geist	Mundy	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Gladeck	Nailor	Stairs
Boyes	Godshall	Nickol	Stelman
Brown	Gruppo	O'Brien	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Orie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Hennessey	Pettit	True
Civera	Herman	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Hershey	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Platts	Vitali
Cornell	Hutchinson	Raymond	Walko
Dally	Jadlowiec	Reber	Waugh
Dempsey	Kenney	Robinson	Williams, C.
Dent	Krebs	Rohrer	Wilt
DiGirolamo	Leh	Ross	Wright, M. N.
Druce	Lynch	Rubley	Zimmerman
Eachus	Maitland	Sather	Zug
Egolf	Major	Saylor	
Evans	Manderino	Schroder	
Fairchild	Marsico	Schuler	

NOT VOTING-1

Taylor, J.

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. EACHUS offered the following amendment No. A0481:

Amend Sec. 209, page 35, line 18, by inserting after "Development."
Two million dollars of this appropriation shall be allocated for four pilot teaching factories of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment recommends that \$2 million from the Department of Community and Economic Development general government operations appropriation be allocated for four pilot teaching factories.

Teaching factories offer training to individuals specifically in industrial skills and involves collaboration and partnerships between industry, educational institutions, the community, and other private agencies in the community. Students in teaching factories attain job skills through both the classroom and training factories.

Mr. Speaker, there is a void in our technical skills base within the manufacturing workforce, which creates a significant barrier for many manufacturing companies attempting to relocate and expand in Pennsylvania. More importantly, this lack of skilled labor is forcing many Pennsylvania-based companies with manufacturing needs to send their businesses to other States and countries which possess the skilled labor force they need. As a result, our State faces a significant economic development challenge if we wish to halt the decline in our manufacturing community.

These teaching factories can play a significant role in reversing this trend by graduating students who possess world-class manufacturing skills, excellent interpersonal skills, and a strong work ethic. While the program will benefit the manufacturing community, it will also provide job opportunities beyond manufacturing to many who now currently lack core skills for employment in the manufacturing economy.

Mr. Speaker, a great example of this teaching-factory concept is in Meadville currently. This actively generates tool-and-die training, in collaboration with the businesses in the Meadville area, that produces high-skilled manufacturing employees that fit the model and profile that the local economy needs for these employees.

These jobs are real-wage jobs, living-wage jobs, that give families the opportunity to work one job rather than work three. People in our communities are truly interested in the kind of job opportunities that create living wages and health-care benefits for our people in the Commonwealth, and I urge the support for this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Donatucci	Major	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	George	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Stern

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Gladeck

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Ms. MUNDY offered the following amendment No. A0482:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 9, by inserting after "assistance."
No dollars may be allocated in 1997-1998 until enabling legislation is passed by the General Assembly.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair understands that the lady wishes to withdraw that amendment? The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. TRELLO offered the following amendment No. A0490:

Amend Sec. 207, page 30, line 25, by inserting after "centers." Of this amount, \$85,000 shall be allocated as a grant to the senior center in Allegheny County.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Trello.

Mr. TRELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment provides a grant of \$85,000 from the senior citizens program through the Department of Aging.

This particular senior citizens center plays a vital role in this particular site in Allegheny County. They provide a lot of services that government does not provide, dealing with health care, meals-on-wheels, but most importantly, the facility needs a lot of repairs and improvements.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote, and my senior citizens in Allegheny County would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. PIPPY. Mr. Speaker, I stand up in support of the Trello amendment. Even though that facility is not in the district I represent, it fulfills a vital need and it is one that represents good government and can make a difference.

I request an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-170

Adolph	Dent	Lescovitz	Rubley
Allen	Dermody	Levdansky	Sainato
Armstrong	DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni
Baker	Donatucci	Major	Schroder
Bard	Eachus	Markosek	Schuler
Barley	Egolf	Marsico	Semmel
Barrar	Evans	Masland	Serafini
Battisto	Fairchild	Mayernik	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fargo	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Feese	McGeehan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Fichter	McGill	Staback
Benninghoff	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Stairs
Bishop	Flick	McNaughton	Stetler

Blaum	Gannon	Melio	Stevenson
Boscola	Geist	Michlovic	Strittmatter
Boyes	George	Micozzie	Sturla
Browne	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Surra
Bunt	Godshall	Miller	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Myers	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Gruppo	Nailor	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Habay	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Haluska	Olasz	Tigue
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Casorio	Hasay	Orie	Trello
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trich
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	True
Civera	Hershey	Petrarca	Tulli
Clark	Hess	Petrone	Vance
Clymer	Horsey	Pettit	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Phillips	Veon
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Pippy	Vitali
Colafella	James	Pistella	Walko
Colaizzo	Jarolin	Preston	Washington
Cornell	Josephs	Ramos	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kaiser	Raymond	Wilt
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Wogan
Cowell	Kenney	Reber	Wojnaroski
Coy	Kirkland	Rieger	Youngblood
Curry	Krebs	Roberts	Zimmerman
Daley	LaGrotta	Robinson	Zug
Dally	Laughlin	Roebuck	
DeLuca	Lawless	Rohrer	Ryan,
Dempsey	Lederer	Ross	Speaker

NAYS-30

Birmelin	Jadlowiec	Platts	Stelman
Brown	Leh	Reinard	Steil
Carone	Lloyd	Sather	Stern
Conti	Lynch	Saylor	Waugh
DiGirolamo	Maitland	Scrimenti	Williams, C.
Druce	Manderino	Seyfert	Wright, M. N.
Gordner	Mundy	Smith, S. H.	Yewcic
Hanna	Nickol		

NOT VOTING-1

Gladeck

EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. SURRA offered the following amendment No. A0492:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 17,870,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 57, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 550,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Elk County, Mr. Surra.

Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 492 to HB 847 adds \$200,000 to the higher education rural initiative, and it reduces the Education general government operations account by a like amount.

Mr. Speaker, the higher ed rural initiative program has instituted colleges without walls in much of the northern tier, and it has been a very successful program, working with our local high schools and businesses to bring a college education to some of the most rural areas in Pennsylvania.

This passed last year by an overwhelming margin, and I would appreciate the members' support.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	DiGirolamo	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Donatucci	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Druce	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Eachus	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Egolf	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Evans	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fairchild	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fargo	McCall	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Feese	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Fichter	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Flick	McNaughton	Staback
Birmellin	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Blaum	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Myers	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Nailor	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Thomas
Carn	Hasay	Orie	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Perzel	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
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Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
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Daley	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
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DeLuca	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Lloyd	Sainato	
Dermoddy	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lynch	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—2

Lawless Steil

NOT VOTING—1

Gannon

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A0495:

Amend Sec. 1806, page 182, line 25, by striking out "(a)"

Amend Sec. 1806, page 182, line 26, by striking out "or by this section"

Amend Sec. 1806, page 183, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, may I temporarily pass over this one with the intent of withdrawing should the next amendment be successful.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair passes over amendment A0495 temporarily.

The gentleman offers amendment A0496, which the clerk will read.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A0496:

Amend Sec. 1806, page 183, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all unexpended and unencumbered appropriations made to any entity classified under the Legislative Department for any prior fiscal year shall lapse into the General Fund at the end of fiscal year July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997.

(2) Notwithstanding the lapsing requirements under paragraph (1), one-quarter of the total appropriations made to any entity classified under the Legislative Department for the fiscal year July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, shall be a continuing appropriation until the close of the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 496 deals with the issue of lapsing of legislative accounts. Unlike most appropriations in the budget, appropriations for the running of the legislature do not lapse in a given year should they not be expended, yet they continue to roll over and accumulate. Right now we have accumulated, in addition to what we have appropriated to run ourselves, an additional \$112 million. That is roughly— We are holding in unused moneys without any stated purpose, we are holding about \$10 for every man, woman, and child in Pennsylvania in our accounts, without any real need for that money. Now, I think if our constituents were aware of that, they would not approve.

What this amendment would do would be, with an exception I will get into in a minute, this would require that unexpended moneys in legislative accounts go back to the General Fund if they are not used up in the course of a year.

Now, the exception is this; the exception is, we could not roll over one-quarter of a year's appropriation, and the reason for this exception is this: I think there are good policy reasons for the legislature allowing itself to have enough money in reserve so that should the budget not be passed in a timely fashion, we would be able to use those funds to continue to operate and in effect could not be squeezed out by the Governor in the course of negotiations.

So this is not the lapse amendment we voted on last year. It does have safeguards. It does allow the legislature to protect itself.

I think that if you have been reading editorials statewide, there is a call for the legislature to deal with the issue of lapsing. It is the good-government position not to allow our moneys to simply accumulate and accumulate.

I think our constituents would not want us to be holding on to the moneys the way we are doing. I think this amendment does afford the legislature certain safeguards. So I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The question before the House is, will the House agree to amendment A0496, offered by the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Vitali?

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

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

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment attempts to do is to insert language in a general appropriations bill that goes beyond directing the appropriation for the fiscal year that we are actually making the appropriation. The specific amendment is attempting to direct the flow of funds that were appropriated in previous general appropriation bills, and that, Mr. Speaker, is unconstitutional.

I suggest that this amendment, the way it is offered, is unconstitutional and present that question.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley, raises the point of order that amendment A0496 is unconstitutional.

The Speaker, under rule 4, is required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of an amendment to the House for a decision, which the Chair now does.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Barley, desire any further recognition on the question?

The gentleman, Mr. Vitali? On the question?

Mr. VITALI. Yes. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on that point.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This General Fund's budget does deal with funds which are in the General Fund, which include moneys which have gathered from previous years, and it is an appropriate subject matter, therefore, that we dispose of those funds. It is my understanding also, I have just been informed, that this does also deal with supplemental appropriations also. I think that the budget also deals with the issue of lapsing in its final provisions.

So I think that this issue is appropriate, that dealing with the funds is appropriate, and that would be my argument.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. DeWEESE. Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

Would the gentleman from Lancaster please give us the constitutional provision that he is looking at.

And in light of that question, I would like to question the recollection of senior members here in the chamber. I am under the impression that many years ago, when the current Speaker, I, and a variety of others were serving here, when Mr. Manderino was floor leader, this exact same kind of parliamentary process took place in order for us to balance a budget, many years ago.

So I think there is precedent for this, and I would like to think that we will tread very lightly on the question of constitutionality. I think we have done this in the past.

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

Mr. BARLEY. The gentleman requested the article or the provision or section of the Constitution that I was citing. It is Article III, section 11, that I am citing, and then there is an Official Opinion of the Attorney General. It is No. 78-16.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, would you please enlighten the chamber. We do not all have that memorized. It would be helpful if you could share that with us.

Mr. BARLEY. I do not have it memorized either, Mr. Speaker.

But basically, in summary, the general appropriations act may not contain substantive language; it may contain language conditional or incidental to an appropriation. And the test to determine whether the language is substantive and unconstitutional or conditional and constitutional is as follows, and I will cite this:

"The first condition is that the language be germane to the appropriation; once the germaneness is determined,

"The second condition is that the language not repeal or amend a current statute; and finally

"The third condition is that the provision not extend beyond the life of the Appropriation Act." — which is what I basically cited initially. "If the provision attempts to do something permanent, then it is an act of substantive legislation and is unconstitutional."

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VITALI. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. VITALI. I am a little confused. My question is, my general understanding is that constitutional questions will be decided by the House as a whole; is that where we are leading on this?

The SPEAKER. That is a correct assumption, yes.

That is what is on the board for a vote, and that is the question before the House.

The gentleman, Mr. Pistella.

Mr. PISTELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was wondering if the gentleman, Mr. Barley, would be kind enough to answer one or two questions.

I was following his explanation. I understand the provision of the Constitution, the Pennsylvania State Constitution, Article III, section 11. However, he read in detail some additional language, and I would like to know the source of that language.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Yes. That was the Official Opinion of the Attorney General, and I believe the actual reference is 78-16. And again, the specific reference that is made in that opinion is the condition that the language not repeal or amend a current statute.

So we have appropriated money in previous general appropriations bills, they have subsequently been enacted into law and they now are statutes or laws, and this amendment goes beyond or actually goes — yes, it goes beyond this general appropriations bill that is before us and attempts to impact existing laws, i.e., previous general appropriations.

Mr. PISTELLA. I appreciate that, sir.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Pistella, if I may.

Mr. PISTELLA. Yes.

The SPEAKER. This was an opinion given to Governor Shapp. I happen to have a copy of it here. It was an opinion given to Governor Shapp by the Acting Attorney General, and he starts off his letter saying, "You requested an opinion of this office regarding the scope and meaning of Article III, § 11 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, with respect to the inclusion of substantive legislative language in a general appropriation bill," et cetera.

Mr. PISTELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was not sure. I thought for a moment that Mr. Barley was reading from an opinion that had been rendered by one of the courts — for example, Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, or the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which is the ultimate body of judicial oversight in Pennsylvania.

I think the members should be aware of the fact that the opinion rendered, whether it was by the Attorney General appointed to

then Governor Shapp or to another Attorney General that may be elected, does not have the same force that an opinion rendered by a court of Pennsylvania would have. The determination of the constitutionality of an issue in Pennsylvania rests with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. When we discuss issues in this legislative body, the determination by this body of whether or not we believe an issue is constitutional is determined by a majority of those members that are voting.

So it is appropriate that we would look to the opinion of the Attorney General for some guidance or for some guidelines as to what we should follow in seeking the constitutionality of the issue, but the bottom line is that that opinion does not have the effect of a judicial opinion rendered by Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, or by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. That is what the members should keep in mind.

I think that in my opinion — which may or may not hold equal weight to the Attorney General but I do know that I have a vote in this chamber on that constitutional issue — it is that this is in fact a constitutional amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, in reference to the gentleman's question on constitutionality, I want to make sure, was he saying Article III, section 11, of the Constitution?

The SPEAKER. That is correct.

Mr. PRESTON. Okay.

The SPEAKER. That is my understanding.

Mr. PRESTON. If I may be able to comment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order. You may proceed.

Mr. PRESTON. The gentleman has raised the issue of constitutionality, and section 11 reads, "The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations for the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the Commonwealth, for the public debt and for public schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one subject."

Now, if I am reading this correctly, being just a layperson from Pittsburgh, the gentleman's amendment only says how long this appropriation can last. It does not say that it will not last or cannot be there. It does not tell him how to spend it; it tells him how long he has to spend it.

Now, I am just only saying that if one and one equals two, I cannot see how we can say that this amendment changes the spending plan of anything as far as constitutionality. Dealing with Mr. Vitali's amendment, I may have a different opinion, but in relationship to constitutionality, it is clear that the gentleman really does not have a case to be able to state the issue as far as constitutionality in relationship to Article III, section 11, and I think that we should be able to vote and say that the Vitali amendment is constitutional.

The SPEAKER. On the question of constitutionality, the gentleman, Mr. Snyder.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I can understand why there might be some questions about this — the fact that what Representative Vitali is trying to do could be done by this chamber as a separate statute; therefore, it would not be unconstitutional.

The issue before us, however, is that this is a general appropriations bill for the fiscal year 1997 to 1998. Mr. Vitali is attempting to deal with appropriations that were passed in previous appropriations bills, and that is what the Constitution addresses,

that the appropriations bill can only deal with what is before you in that current appropriation for that fiscal year. The issues that he is dealing with were dealt with and passed by law by this General Assembly in previous years and therefore could not be incorporated into this proposal because it does not deal with the current appropriation.

The SPEAKER. On the question, those voting "aye" will be voting to declare the amendment to be constitutional; those voting "no" will vote to declare the amendment to be unconstitutional.

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-94

Battisto	Donatucci	Markosek	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	Eachus	Mayernik	Scrimenti
Belardi	Evans	McCall	Shaner
Belfanti	George	McGeehan	Staback
Bishop	Gigliotti	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Gordner	Michlovic	Stetler
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mihalich	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Caltagirone	Hanna	Myers	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Horsey	Olasz	Thomas
Cam	Itkin	Oliver	Tigue
Casorio	James	Pesci	Trello
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Petrarca	Trich
Colaella	Josephs	Petrone	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Pistella	Veon
Corpora	Keller	Preston	Vitali
Corrigan	Kirkland	Ramos	Walko
Cowell	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Washington
Coy	Laughlin	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Lederer	Roberts	Williams, C.
Daley	Levdansky	Robinson	Wojnarowski
DeLuca	Lloyd	Roebuck	Yewcic
Demody	Lucyk	Sainato	Youngblood
DeWeese	Manderino		

NAYS-106

Adolph	Egolf	Maitland	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Major	Semmel
Armstrong	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Baker	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Bard	Fichter	McGill	Smith, B.
Barley	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Flick	McNaughton	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gannon	Micozzie	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	Miller	Steil
Blaum	Gladeck	Nailor	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Nickol	Stevenson
Brown	Gruppo	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Browne	Habay	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Cawley	Hasay	Pettit	Travaglio
Chadwick	Hennessey	Phillips	True
Civera	Herman	Pippy	Tulli
Clark	Hershey	Platts	Vance
Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
Conti	Jadlowiec	Reinard	Wogan
Cornell	Kenney	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Krebs	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Leh	Sather	
DiGirolamo	Lescovitz	Saylor	Ryan,
Druce	Lynch	Schroder	Speaker

NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the constitutionality of the amendment was not sustained.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, rise?

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, prior to your ascending to the dais, I asked that amendment 495 be temporarily passed over. That also deals with the lapse issue, and I would ask that we consider that at this point, since the discussion is fresh in our minds.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. VITALI reoffered the following amendment No. A0495:

Amend Sec. 1806, page 182, line 25, by striking out "(a)"

Amend Sec. 1806, page 182, line 26, by striking out "or by this section"

Amend Sec. 1806, page 183, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What amendment A0495 does is totally deletes that portion of our budget that would treat appropriations to the legislative department any differently than appropriations to the executive or judicial departments; that is to say, what this amendment says is that if we do not spend an appropriation in the course of this budget, it lapses entirely.

Again, the reasons we discussed, the policy reasons we discussed why we should be treated the same as other branches are these: It is really not our money we are holding on to. As we discussed before, right now we are sitting on funds which have no stated purpose but simply have accumulated from previous years in the amount of about \$112 million. Again, that is about \$10 for every man, woman, and child in Pennsylvania. I do not think our constituents want us to be holding on to this money. It should go back into the General Fund.

With regard to the constitutional problem just cited, I think that does not exist here. It is a simple amendment. It simply deletes language in the budget that we are considering.

So I think, again, this action has been called on by editorial boards throughout the State. It is the right thing to do. I think it is what our constituents want us to do. If we are not using the money — it is not our money — let us give it back.

So I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is certainly different than the previous amendment because this amendment deals with the appropriation that is being proposed and the way we will deal with the appropriation as being proposed in the 1997-98 budget. So that is the distinction that I would draw and point that out to members as we vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a big amendment. This is fundamental.

We cut 232,000 folks off medical assistance last year. Let us keep that in mind when we are voting on this amendment.

We need about \$150 million for mass transit, and the administration is trying to twist everybody's arm to get money for mass transit. We have \$112 million in a legislative slush fund, and they are trying to get your votes for a gas tax in order to work a mass transit deal.

We had not a nickel's worth of education funding, new funding, last year in the budget, not one nickel, and we have \$112 million in a legislative slush fund — legislative slush fund, legislative slush fund.

I would like to interrogate the gentleman, Mr. Barley, if he will consent to interrogation on this legislative slush fund.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley, will stand for interrogation. The gentleman may begin.

Mr. DeWEESE. Respectfully, the gentleman from Lancaster is aware of the fact that we have tens and tens of millions of dollars in legislative accounts. These moneys have been deposited in our accounts a long time ago. What in the world are we going to do with \$112 million that our educational systems, that our mass transit systems, and that our medical assistance folks could not utilize in a better way?

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if I am being asked a question or exactly—

Mr. DeWEESE. You are the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Speaker. What are you going to do with the money?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, knows better than to interrupt.

The House will come to order.

I allow latitude with the leaders. Bad manners, though, is no exception.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, which gentleman?

The SPEAKER. Eeny meeny— We will let you go first, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. I would like to ask the gentleman from Lancaster County what he is going to do with \$112 million of legislative slush funds. The gentleman is the "powerful," quote, unquote — to use the terminology of the Fourth Estate, which I subscribe to, by the way, respectfully — chairman of the House

Appropriations Committee. We have a lot of money in the bank. We have \$362 million that we were not expecting; the Ridge administration has a windfall. The \$362 million plus \$100 million more in legislative accounts — that is enough for a gas tax. I want to know what the gentleman from Lancaster wants to do with this slush fund of \$112 million in legislative accounts. We do not need the money.

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman asking the question certainly has control of a portion of those additional funds, the funds that he is categorizing as surplus funds, and I suppose he could choose to do with them what he would like and certainly has the prerogative to lapse them. Those decisions could be made by those that are in control of the particular funds that are being referenced.

When I stood earlier and drew the distinction with this amendment versus the previous amendment, I believe I indicated that I felt this amendment certainly was in order. And if it would be helpful to the gentleman asking the question, I would be pleased to let him know that I do intend to vote for this amendment and believe that as we move prospectively, which is what this amendment is asking us to do, the direction would be given, as a result of this, that surplus funds should be lapsed at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. DeWEESE. I thank the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Barrar	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
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Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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Birmelin	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Bishop	George	Melio	Stairs
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Clark	Horsey	Petrone	Trich
Clymer	Hutchinson	Pettit	True
Cohen, L. I.	Itkin	Phillips	Tulli
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Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Williams, C.
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wilt
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	

NAYS-2

Blaum Ryan,
 Speaker

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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

The SPEAKER. Mr. Blaum, you will be recognized without your coat from here on in.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. WAUGH offered the following amendment No. A0498:

Amend Sec. 215, page 66, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,904,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

For the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems

Foundation.

State appropriation 50,000

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. Waugh.

Mr. WAUGH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This evening, as we work our way through this book of appropriations amendments, I know there have been, at least in our section here, several questions regarding maybe the appropriateness or the use of whether or not a particular appropriation is parochial or serves a particular group, organization, or maybe even a particular member's region.

Last year I introduced this same amendment during the appropriations discussions, and there was a question regarding the organization that it applies to, that being the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation. I would like to make it clear from the start that this foundation serves everyone in our Commonwealth. It serves each and every one of your legislative districts. It is a

request for \$50,000 for research grant appropriations for the Trauma Systems Foundation.

Now, let me just take a minute, if I may, and explain what the foundation is, how it was organized, and what they do.

The foundation was actually authorized through Act 45, the Emergency Medical Services Act, by the General Assembly, and the foundation is charged with the accreditation of the 25 trauma centers in our State. These are the centers that serve the most severely injured of injured individuals, whether they be residents or visitors to our State.

The foundation has worked on the accreditation fees for the last several years. They are now in a position, after having been established for, I believe it is around 15 years now, of wanting to perform sort of an analysis and some research on exactly how our trauma system is working in Pennsylvania.

That is what this request is for, and I ask for your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Manderino.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the maker of the amendment stand for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Waugh, indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may proceed.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I did listen to your description of the Trauma Foundation, but it still was not clear to me, is the Trauma Foundation an agency of State government or is it an outside organization?

Mr. WAUGH. It is an outside, independent, nonprofit organization that receives its authorization to conduct its mission under Act 45, the Emergency Medical Services Act.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have finished my interrogation.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

YEAS-197

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Allen	Druce	Major	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Semmel
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Serafini
Bard	Evans	Masland	Seyfert
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Shaner
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Smith, B.
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Clymer	Hutchinson	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Itkin	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jadlowiec	Preston	Vitali
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Colaizzo	Jarolin	Raymond	Washington
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Rieger	Wilt
Cowell	Krebs	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Ross	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Sainato	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Santoni	
Dermody	Lloyd	Sather	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Saylor	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Schroder	

NAYS—4

Carn	Josephs	Manderino	Mundy
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. **TRELLO** offered the following amendment No. **A0500**:

Amend Sec. 220, page 107, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	104,866,000
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Amend Sec. 229, page 117, lines 16 and 17, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

For museum assistance grants, including \$3,000,000 for a Western Pennsylvania Interactive Railroad Museum and Station.

State appropriation	6,175,000
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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. Trello.

Mr. **TRELLO**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is a very exciting amendment for western Pennsylvania.

This amendment deals with a grant to the Western Pennsylvania Interactive Railroad Museum and Station. This project has brought a lot of interest all over the nation to this particular section of western Pennsylvania. All of our universities and private

foundations are donating and a number of organizations are offering their assistance to build this project.

This project has even aroused the interest of an international model train builder that wants to locate in a particular area that will create approximately 750 jobs. This particular museum itself will create about 750 jobs and attract at least a half a million tourists; according to the Carnegie Mellon University, this will attract at least a half a million tourists into western Pennsylvania for this attraction. This particular area is very fortunate because it has memorabilia of engines and equipment dealing with railroads dating back to the 1800's. It is really a very unique situation that we here in the General Assembly talk about. What we talk about is creating jobs and increasing our tax base.

This \$3-million grant that I am asking for, for this particular museum, is approximately about 20 percent of the total money needed to complete it. The rest of the money is coming from private donations.

So I would appreciate, in the creation of about 1,500 jobs and increasing our tax revenue in western Pennsylvania and attracting tourists to Pennsylvania, I would appreciate your affirmative vote on this amendment. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. **BARLEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Earlier I believe we supported the gentleman to assist a senior citizen center in the county of Allegheny, and now we are looking at an amendment that would appropriate \$3 million specifically for a railroad museum and station.

Now, many of us have similar projects in our districts and in our communities and in our areas, and I am certainly not opposed to supporting the necessary assistance for the various museums and rail stations and projects that are out there that need appropriate government assistance, but I do not believe that we should be doing it in this manner. We have the Historical and Museum Commission that oversees and has the responsibility for appropriately maintaining these facilities, and I believe that is the appropriate manner or the appropriate vehicle that should be used in order to fund and maintain these facilities.

Therefore, I rise to oppose this amendment.

The **SPEAKER**. Mr. Trello.

Mr. **TRELLO**. Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate the comments of the gentleman from the other side of the aisle. I can appreciate the difficulty of his job, dealing with the budget.

But we here in the General Assembly continually talk about jobs, jobs, jobs. We talk about how terrific— The second industry that creates more jobs, other than agriculture, is tourism. We have an opportunity right here to attract a new industry — building model trains — into Pennsylvania that will create about 750 jobs. We have a unique situation where this particular area has tons of memorabilia with steam engines, dating back to the 1800's.

Carnegie Mellon University describes this as a very unique situation that will attract a half a million people to Pennsylvania, that will create about 1,500 jobs and put this particular area on the map. I cannot see why anybody would be opposed to an industry that is going to create about 1,500 jobs and increase the tax base of this particular area.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote. For those of you that are interested in building up the employment situation in Pennsylvania, I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—98

Adolph	Dermody	Markosek	Roebuck
Battisto	DeWeese	Mayernik	Sainato
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	McCall	Santoni
Belardi	Eachus	McGeehan	Serafini
Belfanti	Evans	Melio	Shaner
Bishop	George	Michlovic	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Steelman
Boscola	Gladeck	Mundy	Stetler
Boyes	Gruitza	Myers	Stevenson
Butkovitz	Habay	Olasz	Surra
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Caltagirone	Horsey	Orie	Thomas
Cappabianca	Itkin	Pesci	Tigue
Cam	James	Petrarca	Travaglio
Casorio	Jarolin	Petrone	Trello
Cawley	Josephs	Pettit	Trich
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Colaizzo	Kirkland	Preston	Vitali
Corpora	LaGrotta	Ramos	Walko
Corrigan	Laughlin	Readshaw	Washington
Cowell	Lederer	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Lescovitz	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Levdansky	Robinson	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lucyk		

NAYS—103

Allen	Fargo	Major	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Manderino	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Marsico	Smith, B.
Bard	Fleagle	Masland	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Gannon	McIlhatten	Stairs
Benninghoff	Geist	McNaughton	Steil
Birmelin	Godshall	Micozzie	Stern
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruppo	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Hasay	Perzel	True
Civera	Hennessey	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Herman	Platts	Vance
Clymer	Hershey	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Reber	Williams, C.
Conti	Hutchinson	Reinard	Wilt
Cornell	Jadlowiec	Rohrer	Wogan
Curry	Kenney	Ross	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Krebs	Rubley	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lawless	Sather	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Saylor	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Schroder	
Druce	Lynch	Schuler	Ryan,
Egolf	Maitland	Scrimenti	Speaker
Fairchild			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

AMENDMENTS PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. Amendments 0504 and 0505 are over temporarily.

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

Mr. McILHATTAN offered the following amendment No. A0508:

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 14,800,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 2,555,000

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

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

Mr. McILHATTAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 508 would add an additional \$200,000 to the local development district line item in the budget. This increase will go to support the Pennsylvania economic consortium project, a project established to help increase the number of small- and medium-sized businesses in the Commonwealth which are exporting as well as to increase the value of exports from the 52 Appalachian counties served by the local development districts.

This extra funding will greatly increase the ability and opportunity of the businesses and industry in small rural counties to participate in the global economy and to help their economies grow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

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—201

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McIlhatten	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs

Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Steelman
Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, J.
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Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
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Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. HUTCHINSON offered the following amendment No. A0511:

Amend Sec. 202, page 22, lines 27 through 29, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

For the Commission on Families and Children.

State appropriation 250,000

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. Hutchinson.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment would simply change the name of the existing "Commission for Women" to the "Commission on Families and Children." The State funding level would remain the same, as proposed by the Governor, at \$250,000.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-182

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Marsico	Serafini
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Butkovitz	Haluska	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
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Dempsey	Lederer	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Ruble	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Sainato	
DeWeese	Levdansky	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker

NAYS-18

Carone	Gordner	Michlovic	Steelman
Cawley	Hanna	Nickol	Sturla
Corpora	Josephs	Platts	Van Home
Cowell	Lloyd	Preston	Williams, C.
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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?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. COWELL. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Mr. Speaker, point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. COWELL. Is the effect of the amendment that we just approved, which provided a \$250,000 appropriation to the Commission on Families and Children and eliminated the appropriation for the Commission for Women, is the effect of that amendment to make a \$250,000 appropriation to a nonexistent commission while we eliminated the appropriation to the existing Commission for Women? Because we just had a constitutional debate here a few moments ago that we cannot make substantive changes to the law in a budget bill. So I ask the effect of that amendment.

The SPEAKER. This is not intended as a smart remark, but the budget is geared for July 1. Assuming this goes through, the budget does not take effect until July 1. During these intervening weeks, months, the work could be done to change the name of the commission officially so that there would be a home, an official home, for the appropriation. I think the mere fact that we have done both things here tonight is not enough.

Mr. COWELL. So, Mr. Speaker, I am correct in understanding then that the agency to which we just made this appropriation does not yet exist and the agency which does exist just had its appropriation eliminated?

The SPEAKER. If I understand you correctly, the answer is yes.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. On the same note, Mr. Speaker, my concern that I raise is that what we have done is wiped out a section of a person if they are a woman. If they are single or if they have no children, for the original intent of the legislation for the Commission for Women, now they will no longer receive any service or not be counted or involved in this new commission. Am I correct?

The SPEAKER. We, in the first two lines of the Hutchinson amendment, eliminated from — what we will say right now for the sake of discussion — eliminated from the appropriations bill the State appropriation of \$250,000 for the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and substituted in the next three lines the same amount of money for the Commission on Families and Children.

Mr. PRESTON. Can the Speaker tell me that if there are Federal moneys, is there a clear definition as far as what they are

supposed to be used for as far as women, or does that mean that if someone is single, they can no longer receive any help by that commission now?

The SPEAKER. No. I made a mistake. This is just State money.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Williams from Montgomery County.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It was my understanding, on this Commission for Women, that it is at the moment something that will be created by the Governor's Executive order. I do not know that that Executive order has yet come through. I do not think at the moment — Is this a legislative commission, although I have a bill pending?

The SPEAKER. My understanding is that the present Commission for Women was never legislatively created but, rather, was created by Executive order.

Ms. WILLIAMS. It was created for 1 year by Executive order, Mr. Speaker, and this forthcoming year's Executive order has not yet been signed, I do not believe.

The SPEAKER. All right.

Now, assuming this newly named commission is put into place by the Governor, we have no problems.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Well, the mandate of the Commission for Women would be different than a mandate on the Commission on Families and Children.

The SPEAKER. Well, I do not know how to answer that. I mean, that may or may not be. I just do not know that.

Ms. WILLIAMS. I would just like to point that out, sir.

The SPEAKER. The lady from Erie, Ms. Bebeko-Jones.

Ms. BEBKO-JONES. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Would the maker of the amendment please stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. There is nothing before the House right now.

Ms. BEBKO-JONES. Okay. Mr. Speaker, my question is this: Approximately a month ago, I dealt with the Governor's Office regarding his Executive order for the Commission for Women. At that particular time, his staff informed me that he was now working on that Executive order for the Commission for Women, and I asked that question as a past commissioner on that commission. Now, is this amendment now going to be changed and there will no longer be the Commission for Women? Can someone answer that?

The SPEAKER. That is up to the Governor to decide. He created it by Executive order. We are simply suggesting that the name be changed by the amendment that we just passed. I believe that is what we have done.

Ms. BEBKO-JONES. Mr. Speaker, my understanding, though, is, there is no appropriation at the present time for the Commission for Women; we just eliminated it. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. There is no appropriation for a group called the Commission for Women as of July 1 and around to the last day of June of 1998. There is, assuming this becomes law, this bill that is before us, if this bill becomes law, there will be \$250,000 appropriated to the Commission on Families and Children, which I assume, from the remarks of the gentleman, essentially will stand in the stead of the Commission for Women.

Now, none of these questions were raised when the amendment was offered, and it is, I think, inappropriate to do it now.

Ms. BEBKO-JONES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Williams.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I have submitted an amendment, No. A0673, which increases the State appropriation for the Commission for Women. It was for the Commission for Women. It is not anymore.

The SPEAKER. Well, Ms. Williams, that is not in order at this time, that amendment.

For the information of the House, I believe I have just received a reconsideration motion to reconsider the Hutchinson amendment, and it may very well be that these families disappear for a while, until it is straightened out.

The gentleman, Mr. Walko.

Mr. WALKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to yield to Representative Boscola, who is a cosigner on the motion to reconsider.

The SPEAKER. It was not my intention to take up reconsideration motions at this time, but at the appropriate time, you, of course, will be recognized.

Ms. BOSCOLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. CAPPABIANCA offered the following amendment No. A0514:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 17,720,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 58, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

For medical education in northwestern Pennsylvania.

State appropriation 350,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. CAPPABIANCA. Mr. Speaker, I am passing over that amendment. I am not offering that amendment any longer.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cappabianca, withdraws A0514. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. CAPPABIANCA offered the following amendment No. A0515:

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, by inserting between lines 15 and 16
For health care services - NW.

State appropriation 200,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,300,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. CAPPABIANCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment A0515 would appropriate \$200,000 for Primary Health Care of northwestern Pennsylvania. This is an appropriation that the House for some 12, 13 previous fiscal years has appropriated to this organization, and I am asking that it be reinstated. The \$200,000 would be taken from— It would decrease the State appropriation for biotechnological research to make up the \$200,000.

I would ask for a favorable consideration of the amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—186

Adolph	DeWeese	Lucyk	Schuler
Allen	DiGirolamo	Lynch	Scrimanti
Armstrong	Donatucci	Major	Semmel
Baker	Druce	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Eachus	Markosek	Seyfert
Barley	Egolf	Marsico	Shaner
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Belfanti	Fleagle	McIlhatten	Stairs
Benninghoff	Flick	McNaughton	Steelman
Birmelin	Gannon	Melio	Steil
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Blaum	George	Micozzie	Stevenson
Boscola	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gladeck	Miller	Sturla
Brown	Godshall	Mundy	Surra
Browne	Gordner	Myers	Tangretti
Bunt	Gruitza	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Butkovitz	Gruppo	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Buxton	Habay	Oliver	Thomas
Caltagirone	Haluska	Orie	Tigue
Cappabianca	Harhart	Perzel	Travaglio
Carn	Hasay	Pesci	Trello
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Cawley	Herman	Petrone	True
Chadwick	Hershey	Pettit	Tulli
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Clymer	Horsey	Pippy	Van Home
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Cornell	Josephs	Reber	Williams, C.
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Corrigan	Keller	Rieger	Wogan

Cowell	Kenney	Roberts	Wojnarowski
Coy	Kirkland	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Curry	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yewcic
Daley	Laughlin	Ross	Youngblood
Dally	Lawless	Rubley	Zimmerman
DeLuca	Lederer	Sainato	Zug
Dempsey	Leh	Santoni	
Dent	Lescovitz	Sather	Ryan,
Dermody	Levdansky	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS-14

Carone	Lloyd	Nickol	Schroder
Clark	Maitland	Platts	Stern
Hanna	Masland	Rohrer	Waugh
Krebs	Nailor		

NOT VOTING-1

Feese

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. CAPPABIANCA offered the following amendment No. A0516:

Amend Sec. 208, page 31, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,587,000

Amend Sec. 208, page 35, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 100,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. CAPPABIANCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment A0516 increases the appropriation for the Future Farmers of America program by an additional \$50,000. It is \$50,000 that is appropriated by a corresponding decrease of \$50,000 to the Agriculture's general operating line item.

I would ask for a favorable response to this amendment also, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. GORDNER offered the following amendment No. A0517:

Amend Sec. 208, page 31, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,537,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 300,000

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. GORDNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would add \$100,000 to the Department of Community and Economic Development's Rural Leadership Program. It would take those moneys from the general government operations line item within the Department of Agriculture.

The Rural Leadership Program — or RULE, as it is commonly known — is a great benefit to rural legislators by creating rural leaders. Many of us in the rural areas have known of individuals who have passed through this program. It is a 2-year program. The first year focuses on local and State needs, and the second year focuses on Federal and international problems. We are always facing peculiar problems in rural areas, and this program has successfully shown throughout the years that it is a good program, and \$100,000 will allow more individuals to participate in the Rural Leadership Program.

I ask for your support. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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

Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
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Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Conti	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Wagh
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
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DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansk	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS—1

Carone

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. TANGRETTI offered the following amendment No. A0505:

Amend Sec. 219, page 90, line 17, by removing the period after "grants" and inserting
 , including \$1,500,000 to fund expanded eligibility for State Blind Pension benefits resulting from an inflation adjustment to the maximum annual income threshold.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for a long time now, I have attempted to amend the welfare line item to allow those individuals who are collecting a State blind pension the ability to earn more than what is allowed under present law of outside income. That adjustment has not been made since 1980. Individuals who are on full blind pensions of \$100 a month are only allowed to earn a total of \$3,700 outside income.

I think for the small amount of money to bring those individuals, by virtue of applying the Federal poverty guidelines,

forward to the present day and allowing them to increase their outside earning potential is only fair and just, and I would ask once again, as I have asked this Assembly and you have supported this on previous occasions, to do that once again. Unfortunately, our brothers and sisters in the other chamber have felt disinclined to do that, but as one of my good friends on the other side of the aisle has said, "Never sit next to a Senator at a banquet because they don't pass anything," I think that is the case in this instance. I hope that this is different this time, that we can prevail upon them.

I would ask for your support once again to allow these individuals to increase their outside income. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
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Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
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Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
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Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Ross	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Rubley	Zimmerman
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Dent	Levdansky	Santoni	
Dermody	Lloyd	Sather	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Saylor	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Robinson

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. **TRICH** offered the following amendment No. **A0518**:

Amend Sec. 208, page 32, line 8, by inserting after "research."
From this appropriation the department shall commission a study to conduct an economic impact assessment of the dairy industry as a result of recent changes in Federal dairy policies. The results of this study shall be reported to the General Assembly by December 31, 1997.

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Trich.

Mr. **TRICH**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment deals with a very important aspect of our Commonwealth's economy. Certainly, as agriculture is the number one aspect of our economy, the dairy industry represents the largest segment of the agriculture community. As a matter of fact, 10.6 billion pounds of milk are produced annually in our Commonwealth. In more recent months, we have seen a devastation to dairy farmers throughout the Commonwealth, indeed throughout the nation. There have been dramatic and unprecedented drops in the prices received for dairy farmers for their milk. Now, granted, most of this concern has been generated because of Federal changes in regulations, and in some instances, something that we as a Commonwealth have really no control over.

However, my amendment, which is kind of a simple and straightforward way of dealing with the issue as it affects the economy of Pennsylvania for dairy farmers, would do simply this: This amendment merely adds language to the Department of Agriculture's research line so that we require them to commission a study, a study that would talk about the specific impact, the economic impact that we are seeing in the dairy-farming industry of Pennsylvania, and to have that study completed by the end of this calendar year so that we as a Commonwealth and we as a legislative branch can deal with this very difficult issue.

Therefore, I would ask for the support of my colleagues on this particular amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
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Civera	Hess	Petrone	True
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Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS—2

Carone Krebs

NOT VOTING—1

Robinson

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. COHEN offered the following amendment No. A0519:

Amend Sec. 212, page 58, by inserting between lines 18 and 19
For grants to school districts for the purchase of textbooks. Payments to school districts shall be derived by multiplying the school district's average daily membership by the product of 21.25 times the school district's market value personal income aid ratio.

State appropriation 20,000,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 133, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 10,160,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 133, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,722,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 133, line 24, by striking out all of said line

Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 18, by striking out all of said line

Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 297,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 142, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,545,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 144, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,435,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 0519 appropriates \$20 million to school districts in the Commonwealth for the purchase of new school textbooks. The money is distributed under the formula of multiplying the school district's average daily membership by the product of 21.25 times the school district's market value personal income aid ratio.

The members have received a printout generated by the Democratic Appropriations Committee on how much each school district would receive under this amendment. That printout was mailed to your offices. In addition, you have received a summary of how much each county would get, which was distributed on the House floor. Every school district in this State and every county in this State gains money for school textbooks under this amendment.

Throughout the State of Pennsylvania, there is a strong tendency to defer textbook spending year after year, because other needs — salaries, building maintenance, extracurricular activities, et cetera — seem much more pressing. If you are a school district board member or an administrator, if you have a choice between a textbook and somebody making a demand for money for something, you go with the squeaky wheel, and the effect of this

is that millions of our students, year after year, decade after decade, have been forced to make do with textbooks that are commonly years out of date, and in extreme circumstances, decades out of date. Many States — Texas, New York, California are prominent examples — make direct appropriations for school textbooks and regularly examine school textbook needs to see if they are being met.

This amendment will not totally or mostly pay for school textbooks in Pennsylvania, but it will show the legislature is aware of the problem and is willing to appropriate some money to every school district in the State to see that students have textbooks that are not out of date. It will send a message to local school boards that textbooks are a vital educational tool and that updating school textbooks is a policy goal of this budget.

This amendment is paid for by reducing legislative accounts by an amount equal to 31 percent of the estimated June 30, 1997, surplus balance, in the categories of bipartisan accounts, Republican accounts, and Democratic accounts, in order to produce \$20 million to be used for school textbooks. Because of the existing surplus balances that we have discussed in great detail earlier, no existing services will be reduced or eliminated.

The need to update textbooks is great. There is no doubt that money is available in this year's budget, whether it is found in legislative surpluses or in the revenue surplus or some other source. Clearly, the Senate or the conference committee can find the money if only we have the will to pass this amendment today.

I urge your support of this amendment. A victory today would be a very, very strong support of public education. It would give students and parents a real sense that the legislature cares about them and is doing something tangible to improve their education.

I am proud to say that both the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers support this amendment. I urge your support of this amendment also.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—152

Allen	Dermody	Levdansky	Sainato
Armstrong	DeWeese	Lloyd	Santoni
Baker	Donatucci	Lucyk	Scrimanti
Bard	Druce	Maitland	Semmel
Battisto	Eachus	Manderino	Serafini
Bebko-Jones	Egolf	Markosek	Seyfert
Belardi	Evans	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Fairchild	Masland	Smith, S. H.
Bishop	Fleagle	Mayernik	Staback
Blaum	Gannon	McCall	Stairs
Boscola	Geist	McGeehan	Steelman
Boyes	George	McGill	Stetler
Browne	Gigliotti	McIlhattan	Strittmatter
Bunt	Godshall	Melio	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gordner	Michlovic	Surra
Buxton	Gruitza	Mihalich	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Haluska	Myers	Taylor, J.
Cam	Hanna	Nailor	Thomas
Casorio	Harhart	O'Brien	Tigue
Cawley	Hasay	Olasz	Travaglio
Clark	Hess	Oliver	Trello
Clymer	Horsey	Perzel	Trich
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pesci	Tulli

Cohen, M.	Itkin	Petrarca	Vance
Colaella	Jadlowiec	Petrone	Van Home
Colaizzo	James	Pettit	Veon
Conti	Jarolin	Phillips	Vitali
Cornell	Josephs	Pistella	Walko
Corpora	Kaiser	Platts	Washington
Corrigan	Keller	Preston	Waugh
Cowell	Kenney	Ramos	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Kirkland	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Curry	LaGrotta	Reinard	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Rieger	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roberts	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug

NAYS—47

Adolph	Fichter	Micozzie	Schuler
Barley	Flick	Miller	Smith, B.
Barrar	Gladeck	Nickol	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gruppo	Orie	Steil
Birmelin	Hennessey	Pippy	Stern
Brown	Herman	Raymond	Stevenson
Carone	Hershey	Reber	True
Chadwick	Krebs	Rohrer	Wilt
Civera	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lynch	Sather	
DiGirolamo	Major	Saylor	Ryan,
Fargo	McNaughton	Schroder	Speaker
Feece			

NOT VOTING—2

Robinson	Wogan
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EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. **PRESTON** offered the following amendment No. **A0521**:

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 10, by inserting after "Administration."
A minimum of \$100,000 shall be used to monitor the number of contracts and the respective dollar amounts awarded to minority and women businesses in the Commonwealth.

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Preston.

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

This amendment directs the administration to spend a minimum of \$100,000 to be used to monitor the number of contracts and the respective dollar amounts awarded to minority and women businesses in the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is a multibillion-dollar business, and to make sure that things are done appropriately, not just that things are given as far as fair share to represent what the Governor has said, that he wants to be the Governor of all the people, but I think, at the same time, we have to be equitable and be able to make sure that the contracts go to those people who purport to be minorities and women businesses.

I would ask for an affirmative vote. I think that the Governor has stated his intentions on this to be fair and equitable, and I think that this amendment will help the Governor along on his road, to appropriate a minimum of \$100,000 out of his administrative account.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

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

NAYS—10

Armstrong	Egolf	Rohrer	Vance
Carone	Krebs	Schroder	Wilt
Clark	Leh		

NOT VOTING—2

Robinson	Schuler
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EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. JAMES offered the following amendment No. A0522:

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 11, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,530,000

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 27, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 9,060,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer amendment 0522. This amendment would remove \$511,000 from the Office of Administration and appropriate the funds to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to increase staffing to monitor and track hate crimes and racial intolerance and violence in this State.

During the public hearings held last year, the commission released a report covering fiscal years 1993-94 through 1994-95 that showed that more than 600 hate crimes were committed in 35 of the State's 67 counties. And, Mr. Speaker, I just may add that even though hate crimes are on the rise, the commission reports, they have seen an increase in the unity of our citizens who have organized to reject intolerance and embrace and respect diversity.

Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh had the most hate crimes, with 51 percent in the city to the east and 19 percent in the city to the west. Of the 717 victims, 65 percent were male, 35 percent female; 51 percent were black, 23 percent were white, 12 percent Hispanic, 9 percent Jewish, and 5 percent Asian; 29 percent were between the ages of 11 and 20, while 47 percent were between 21 and 40. Of the 743 offenders, 91 percent were male, 9 percent female; 75 percent were white, 22 percent black, 2 percent Hispanic, and 1 percent Asian; 64 percent were between the ages of 11 and 20. The most frequent types of crimes: 24 percent were simple and aggravated assaults; 25 percent were criminal mischief or vandalism; 16 percent were harassment; 12 percent were terroristic threats.

Mr. Speaker, I have been working hard since last year to convince House leaders to address the glaring racial issues that have surfaced in our State, in our communities, and in this esteemed chamber in recent years. I was pleased when the House formed the Task Force on Hate Crimes, Terrorism, and Arson, which was designed as a forum to discuss hate crimes, racism, and bigotry, and to develop solutions that would ease racial tensions as we worked towards prevention and increase education, particularly as it relates to racial harmony.

The public hearings sponsored by the task force last fall proved to be successful and informative, and I would like to thank both leaders on both sides of the chamber and Chairman Gannon and Chairman Schuler. However, we need to reconvene the task force this session and have additional public hearings because they are needed. Racial incidents continue to surface in our communities.

Sadly, in 1996 three incidents of racial violence were reported in my district, with the last incident occurring just months ago, in February. Now, as many of you may be aware, there is a serious racial tension in the Grays Ferry section of my district in Philadelphia. Tomorrow a coalition of ministers will hold an ecumenical service in which our Mayor Rendell and possibly a cardinal of the Catholic Church are expected to participate. Even a march is scheduled through the area; it is planned for April 14.

As a member of the General Assembly, Mr. Speaker, and as the Democratic chairman of the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections, I believe we have an obligation to address racism in our State, particularly as it relates to public policy. It is vital that community leaders and local residents affected by hate crimes realize that as public policymakers, we are doing all we can to address their concerns, and this amendment shows them that their voices can be heard in Harrisburg.

I again call on House leadership to reconvene the Judiciary Committee's task force to deal with the growing problem, and I urge the support of all the members on this amendment so that we have official resources to address the increase in racial violence and intolerance in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Major	Saylor
Armstrong	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Bishop	George	Melio	Stairs
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Boscola	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Boyes	Godshall	Mihalich	Stetler
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Surra

Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Casorio	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Cawley	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Civera	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Clark	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Clymer	Horsey	Petrone	True
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Phillips	Van Horne
Colafella	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Veon
Colaizzo	James	Pistella	Vitali
Conti	Jarolin	Platts	Walko
Cornell	Josephs	Preston	Washington
Corpora	Kaiser	Ramos	Waugh
Corrigan	Keller	Raymond	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Coy	Kirkland	Reber	Wogan
Curry	Krebs	Reinard	Wojnaroski
Daley	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Laughlin	Roberts	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lawless	Robinson	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lederer	Roebuck	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGiroiamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci			

NAYS—10

Benninghoff	Leh	Schroder	Vance
Carone	Lynch	Stern	Wilt
Chadwick	Rohrer		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. **LaGROTTA** offered the following amendment No. **A0523**:

Amend Sec. 215, page 66, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,804,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 74, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

For Tourette's syndrome.

State appropriation 150,000

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

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The **SPEAKER**. Is the gentleman, Mr. LaGrotta, on the floor?
The amendment will go to the end of the line.

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

Ms. **MANDERINO** offered the following amendment No. **A0524**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 90, lines 22 and 23, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(1) "TANFBG - Cash Grants." Of that amount \$20,000,000 shall be used for public service job creation programs.
State appropriation 544,786,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER**. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia.

Ms. **MANDERINO**. Mr. Speaker, 524 had a technical drafting error and has been replaced by 894.

The **SPEAKER**. We will reach that later. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

The **SPEAKER**. Let me, for the information of the House, so the members are available when they are called upon, give the hitting order, if you will: Melio, three McCall, Steelman, Tangretti, Trich, two Staback, two Sturla, Walko, three George.

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

Mr. **MELIO** offered the following amendment No. **A0525**:

Amend Sec. 213, page 58, line 27, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,239,000

Amend Sec. 213, page 59, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 30,403,000

Amend Sec. 213, page 62, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 58,476,000

Amend Sec. 213, page 65, by inserting between lines 1 and 2
For storm water grants to Bristol Township, Bucks County.

State appropriation 7,811,000

Amend Sec. 1810, page 183, line 26, by striking out "Industrial Sites Cleanup Fund." and inserting

Department of Environmental Protection for storm water grants to Bristol Township, Bucks County.

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Melio.

Mr. **MELIO**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides for \$19.811 million in grants to Bristol Township for storm-water projects and reduces line items in the Department of Environmental Protection and redirects the use of money from the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.

I would appreciate your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley, on the Melio amendment.

Mr. **BARLEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment takes money from the operating lines in DEP and moves it over to special projects in Bristol Township. Now, I am not questioning the need for the special projects in the gentleman's home township, but I think it is only fair to point out to members what we are doing with this type of an amendment, and I intend to vote "no" on the amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—89

Battisto	Daley	Levdansky	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	DeLuca	Lucyk	Shaner
Belardi	Dermody	Markosek	Staback
Belfanti	DeWeese	Mayernik	Stairs
Bishop	Donatucci	McCall	Steelman
Blaum	Evans	McGeehan	Stetler
Boscola	George	Melio	Surra
Boyes	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mundy	Tigue
Buxton	Haluska	Myers	Travaglio
Caltagirone	Horsey	Olasz	Trello
Cappabianca	Itkin	Oliver	Trich
Carn	James	Pesci	Van Home
Casorio	Jarolin	Petrarca	Veon
Cawley	Kaiser	Petrone	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Keller	Pistella	Walko
Colafella	Kirkland	Ramos	Washington
Colaizzo	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Laughlin	Rieger	Wojnarowski
Corrigan	Lawless	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Cowell	Lederer	Roeback	Yewcic
Coy	Lescovitz	Sainato	Youngblood
Curry			

NAYS—108

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Fleagle	McGill	Semmel
Baker	Gannon	McIlhattan	Serafini
Bard	Geist	McNaughton	Seyfert
Barley	Gladeck	Michlovic	Smith, B.
Barrar	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gordner	Miller	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Gruppo	Nailor	Steil
Brown	Habay	Nickol	Stern
Browne	Hanna	O'Brien	Stevenson
Bunt	Harhart	Orie	Strittmatter
Carone	Hasay	Perzel	Sturla
Chadwick	Hennessey	Pettit	Taylor, E. Z.
Civera	Herman	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Clark	Hershey	Pippy	True
Clymer	Hess	Platts	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Preston	Vance
Conti	Jadlowiec	Raymond	Waugh

Dally	Josephs	Reber	Williams, C.
Dempsey	Kenney	Reinard	Wilt
Dent	Krebs	Rohrer	Wogan
DiGirolamo	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Druce	Lloyd	Rubley	Zug
Eachus	Lynch	Sather	
Egolf	Maitland	Saylor	Ryan,
Fairchild	Major	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo	Manderino		

NOT VOTING—4

Cornell Flick Robinson Thomas

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks the lady, Mrs. Vance, to preside temporarily.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING**

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. McCALL offered the following amendment No. A0526:

Amend Sec. 210, page 44, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	250,000
For the White Haven Visitors Center.	
State appropriation	2,500,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Carbon County, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, my amendment provides for a \$2.5-million appropriation to provide for a visitors center in White Haven to take care of the visitor needs who visit Lehigh Gorge State Park on a daily basis in my district.

This visitors center is part of the master plan for the Lehigh Gorge State Park. It is something that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been pursuing for the last couple of years, to put this visitors center in place.

For the information of the members, many of the members have traveled to the gorge in my district. It is designated as a scenic river. It is designated as a white-water zone, and I know a lot of

members have traversed the Lehigh white-water-zone portion of the Lehigh Gorge State Park. It is popular for white-water rafting. It is popular for fishing, biking, hiking, and all those kinds of things. It also will serve to accommodate visitors that would be going to Big Boulder and Jack Frost ski areas, the Pocono Raceway, as a place that they can get information on those various attractions.

It is something that is desperately needed, and I would ask the members to vote for the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, the Appropriations chairman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Once again, this amendment is very similar to the amendment that we just defeated. It is taking \$2½ million from a line item that is used to fund heritage parks and other park appropriations across the State and specifically earmarks them for a project within the gentleman's legislative district. And again, I am not disputing the validity or the need for the project to be funded, but we do have a mechanism in place that appropriately funds these projects and maintains our parks, and I think we should allow that process to work rather than be here on the floor this evening attempting to earmark these kinds of projects when we are just simply taking it away from another member or a group of other members.

So, therefore, I intend to vote "no" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. McCall, for the second time.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I am wondering if the gentleman, Mr. Barley, will stand for interrogation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. McCALL. Madam Speaker, I would agree with everything you just pronounced to the members of the chamber. I guess my question to you would be that I have been waiting for a vehicle for the last 3 years to address this issue, and I realize that it should be done through the capital budget process, and I am just wondering if you can give the members of this General Assembly an idea when we will be doing a capital budget so we can address these issues.

Mr. BARLEY. Madam Speaker, I would at least indicate that we presently have a capital budget in committee. I do not have a definite time line established as to when that legislation will move. But it would be my intention that that piece of legislation would move relatively quickly, and I do not mean by that next week, but in a time line here that I think would be amenable and be able to accommodate needs of members.

Mr. McCALL. And you would certainly consider, being that the department is the one asking for this visitors center, you would certainly consider this amendment to that capital budget?

Mr. BARLEY. Certainly. I would consider amendments to that from you as I would other members, and that would be appropriate, to sponsor amendments to that piece of legislation.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I will withdraw my amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. McCALL offered the following amendment No. A0527:

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 557,333,000

Amend Sec. 216, page 74, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

For the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). These funds shall not be subject to section 3101 of the act of December 2, 1992 (P.L. 741, No. 113), known as the Children's Health Care Act.

State appropriation 10,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Carbon County, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment provides for a \$10-million appropriation for the Children's Health Insurance Program, and by the same token, it decreases by \$10 million the general obligation debt service.

For a little bit of background information, the Governor capped the enrollment to the CHIP program when he took office. The enrollment has hovered around 49,000 children being enrolled in that program. I think in the Governor's budget address, he did address the issue by proposing to increase the cigarette tax an additional 1 cent, from 2 cents to 3 cents, which will service an additional 3,000 children. However, that proposal needs a tax bill to pass; we need a tax bill to pass that additional 1 cent.

This \$10-million appropriation will increase the enrollment by 16,000 additional children. I think it is a proposal that certainly has a lot of merit, and I would ask the members for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Maderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
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Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
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Benninghoff	Geist	Mello	Stairs
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Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gruppo	Nailor	Surra

Buxton	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Thomas
Casorio	Hasay	Orie	Tigue
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Travaglio
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Civera	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
Clark	Hess	Petrone	True
Clymer	Horsey	Pettit	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Pippy	Van Home
Colafrilla	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Colaizzo	James	Platts	Vitali
Conti	Jarolin	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
Corpora	Kaiser	Raymond	Waugh
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Kirkland	Reinard	Wogan
Curry	Krebs	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Daley	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Laughlin	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lawless	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lederer	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Schroder	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS—11

Birmelin	Fargo	McNaughton	Stern
Brown	Leh	Rohrer	Wilt
Carone	Lynch	Saylor	

NOT VOTING—2

Adolph	Robinson
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EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. McCALL offered the following amendment No. A0528:

Amend Sec. 216, page 74, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

For the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). These funds shall not be subject to section 3101 of the act of December 2, 1992 (P.L. 741, No. 113), known as the Children's Health Care Act.

State appropriation 10,000,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Carbon County, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am withdrawing that amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. STEELMAN offered the following amendment No. A0530:

Amend Sec. 208, page 31, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,604,000

Amend Sec. 208, page 35, by inserting between lines 10 and 11

For organic food programs.

State appropriation 33,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County, Representative Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Anybody who has walked around in the produce section of a supermarket lately has probably noticed that even in the big stores, you are seeing more and more bins of vegetables that are marked "organic" or "locally grown," sometimes both, and that reflects a change in consumer interest all across the country, including Pennsylvania. It seems to me that since in 1994 we recognized that interest on the part of consumers in organic food and the increasing interest on the part of agriculturalists in providing organic produce for consumers in Act 131 of 1994, which required the Department of Agriculture to develop standards for describing organic or derived-from-organic food products, we need to continue the appropriation to the Department of Agriculture to earmark a certain amount of the Agriculture Department's time and energy to promoting organic food production in Pennsylvania.

Now, what I have tried to do with this amendment is not to require the Agriculture Department to go out and hire somebody new or to fire somebody who is already on their staff in order to replace them, but essentially to earmark general operations money in the Agriculture Department to continue an existing program.

One of the important things about organic food production is that because the environmental impact of organic produce is lower than that of conventionally grown produce, organic farms, small truck farms, fit more appropriately into areas that are becoming more suburbanized. It makes for a happier association between residences and farmers, and that is an advantage with the changing face of Pennsylvania.

The second major advantage is that organic produce carries a premium price. We just had an amendment before us asking for a study of the economic impact of Federal activities on milk prices. Farmers who have concentrated on dairy farming are in economic

trouble, but organic food production, because of the high prices that consumers are willing to pay, is perhaps a more stable and more effective way for some farmers to continue to keep farming in Pennsylvania.

So I am asking for you to agree to this amendment to earmark \$33,000 to continue with the existing programs in the Department of Agriculture and to try and help Pennsylvania's farmers and consumers fit themselves into this growing market. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—185

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Battisto	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Bebko-Jones	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Belardi	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Bishop	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Blaum	George	Melio	Stairs
Boscola	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
Boyes	Godshall	Mihalich	Stern
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Stetler
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
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Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
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Colafrella	Jarolin	Pistella	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Josephs	Platts	Veon
Conti	Kaiser	Ramos	Vitali
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Washington
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Waugh
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Leh	Ross	Zug
Dent	Lescovitz	Rubley	
Dermody	Levdanskyy	Sainato	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	

NAYS—9

Barrar	Hanna	Raymond	Wilt
Benninghoff	Lloyd	Williams, C.	Yewcic
Flick			

NOT VOTING—7

Civera Gladeck Preston Walko
Cowell Michlovic Steelman

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **TANGRETTI** offered the following amendment No. **A0533**:

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 567,083,000

Amend Sec. 207, page 30, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

For Alzheimer support services.

State appropriation 250,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. **TANGRETTI**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

What I have attempted to do with this amendment is to create a new line item for support services for Alzheimer's support groups throughout the Commonwealth, and I think there are six or seven of them in various locations. They are a confederation of associations that are sanctioned by the National Alzheimer's Association, and in my particular area — and this gives you an idea of how thinly they are spread — they have an 11-county jurisdiction in which they are attempting to provide support and educational services to victims and families of victims who suffer from Alzheimer's.

This, as you know, is an insidious disease that has created tremendous tragedy and hardship and heartache for many of our senior citizens and their families. And to let you know how difficult it is and it is going to be, right now the statistics indicate that after the age of 65, 1 in 10 of us will contract and be afflicted by Alzheimer's; after the age of 75, 1 in 5; and 85 and above, 1 in 2, 1 in 2 of us will be afflicted by this disease.

We as a State must start to grapple with this. This is obviously going to be a problem of considerable nature, given the aging of our population in the future and the size of it now, and I believe this is an important first step in providing help for the Alzheimer's associations that are operating in this State.

So I would ask that the men and women of this chamber support this effort, provide this really modest amount of money to start a process in which we can start to help those individuals and those families of individuals receive the kind of help that they deserve and need, and I would ask for your support. Thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
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Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
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Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Wilt

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **TRICH** offered the following amendment No. **A0534**:

Amend Sec. 216, page 74, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

For the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This appropriation earmarks funds for increasing the cigarette transfer and shall lapse upon enactment of an amendment to the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, which increases the cigarette tax transfer from two cents to three cents. This appropriation shall not be subject to section 3101 of the act of December 2, 1992 (P.L.741, No.113), known as the Children's Health Care Act.

State appropriation 10,800,000

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

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Trich.

Mr. **TRICH**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment deals with the CHIP program, and let me begin by stating my sincere appreciation to all my colleagues on both sides—

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Will the gentleman suspend for just one moment, please.

Mr. **TRICH**. Yes.

AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Sir, there are insufficient funds to carry through your amendment. Therefore, it violates the temporary rules of the House.

Mr. **TRICH**. Madam Speaker—

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. It is out of order.

Mr. **TRICH**. Okay.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. **TRICH**. A point of order. May I ask a question concerning that.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. You may proceed.

Mr. **TRICH**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It was my understanding that the amount of money that is suggested was actually set aside in the Governor's budget, and therefore, I was merely trying to put into the budget process terminology that would make certain that that is carried forward as the Governor had committed in his public announcement earlier.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. The gentleman, Mr. Trich, is informed that it is still out of order.

Mr. **TRICH**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mr. **STABACK** offered the following amendment No. **A0535**:

Amend Sec. 215, page 73, line 23, by inserting after "services."

The department shall reimburse for personal transportation and other transportation expenses incurred as of July 1, 1995.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. **STABACK**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, did I hear amendment No. A0535?

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. A0536.

Mr. **STABACK**. I am sorry; A0536 is proper.

Madam Speaker—

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. May I? The clerk did read A0535.

Mr. **STABACK**. A0535 has been withdrawn.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Has been withdrawn?

Mr. **STABACK**. Yes, ma'am.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. All right. The clerk will read the correct amendment, please.

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

Mr. **STABACK** offered the following amendment No. **A0536**:

Amend Sec. 215, page 73, line 23, by inserting after "services."

The department shall reimburse for personal transportation and other transportation expenses incurred as of July 1, 1996.

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

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

Mr. **STABACK**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, amendment 0536 will simply reinstate the personal transportation reimbursement to renal dialysis patients who have the ability to physically drive themselves to and from treatment centers.

Madam Speaker, up to just recently, January of 1997, this was a legitimate expense as it was a line item in the 1996-97 budget. In January of this year, that contract was altered and the program discontinued. To date, I have been unable to determine why that occurred.

My amendment, very simply, is trying to right a wrong that was done to all those people who depended on this reimbursement prior to the program being discontinued. So with that thought in mind, I would ask for a favorable vote and allow this service to continue in fiscal year 1997-98.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
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Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Thomas
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Carone	Hennessey	Pezel	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	True
Civera	Horse	Pettit	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
Conti	Kaiser	Raymond	Waugh
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermoddy	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A0538:

Amend Bill, page 183, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

Section 1811. Increase in General Fund revenue.—If, after the effective date of this act, the amount of money in the General Fund available for expenditure during the 1997-1998 fiscal year is equal to more than the total of the appropriations under this act plus the sum of \$141,200,000, the excess shall be distributed as supplemental payments for the basic education subsidy. Each school district shall receive a prorated share of the excess based on the district's share of the basic subsidy payments.

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

AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair wishes to inform the gentleman that amendment 538 is out of order because it violates the temporary rules of the House.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. STURLA. Madam Speaker, a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Madam Speaker, if you could perhaps give me an explanation on why it is out of order. It does not spend any money over and above the \$142 million; it simply places restrictions on future surpluses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Because you are spending more money than is appropriated in the bill.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. STURLA. Madam Speaker, if I could, I would like to move to suspend those temporary rules to allow this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has made a motion to suspend the rules so that he can offer amendment 538. The Chair would remind the gentleman that it takes a two-thirds vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-98

Battisto	DeWeese	Manderino	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Markosek	Scrimenti
Belardi	Eachus	Mayernik	Shaner
Belfanti	Evans	McCall	Staback
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Steelman
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stetler
Boscola	Gordner	Michlovic	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mihalich	Surra

Buxton	Haluska	Mundy	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	Myers	Thomas
Cappabianca	Horsey	Olasz	Tigue
Carr	Itkin	Oliver	Travaglio
Casorio	James	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Jarolin	Petrarca	Trich
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Petrone	Van Home
Colafella	Kaiser	Pistella	Veon
Colaizzo	Keller	Preston	Vitali
Corpora	Kirkland	Ramos	Walko
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Washington
Cowell	Laughlin	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Lederer	Roberts	Williams, C.
Curry	Lescovitz	Robinson	Wojnarowski
Daley	Levdansky	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lloyd	Sainato	Youngblood
Dermody	Lucyk		

NAYS-103

Adolph	Fairchild	Major	Schuler
Allen	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Baker	Fichter	McGill	Seyfert
Bard	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Barley	Flick	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Gannon	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	Miller	Stairs
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Brown	Gruppo	O'Brien	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Orie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Pettit	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Hennessey	Phillips	True
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Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
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Cornell	Kenney	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Krebs	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Leh	Sather	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Druce	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Egolf			

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Walko, offers the following amendment, which the clerk will read.

I have just been advised that that amendment has been withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A0541**:

Amend Sec. 213, page 63, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 40,055,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. **GEORGE**. Madam Speaker, I apologize. I am reminded that the Act 339 sewage money has been put in with a previous amendment, which many of us were concerned about, so I am going to withdraw those two amendments and the next amendment, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You are withdrawing 541, 542, and 543 as well?

Mr. **GEORGE**. That is correct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. **GEORGE**. And, Madam Speaker, while we are at it, I will withdraw 545 and 546, but I am going to offer 547, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. **GEORGE**. Madam Speaker, again my apology. I am going to defer. I will withdraw 547. I have an amendment in a later number that I can take up and do the same purpose.

Thank you for your indulgence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **KIRKLAND** offered the following amendment No. **A0557**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 49, line 9, by inserting after "Districts." "Ten percent of these funds shall be used for grants to school districts experiencing increases in incidents of school violence for violence prevention activities."

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kirkland, from Delaware County.

Mr. **KIRKLAND**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, violence in our schools has become somewhat of a daily occurrence in our system, and our answer to the problem has been either to suspend or expel our students and, in some cases, even to ignore the children.

Madam Speaker, my amendment will provide districts that are experiencing violent acts most frequently with funding that will allow them to set up violence prevention programs. Madam Speaker, it was once said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Let us move toward removing the violence from our schools by supporting programs that prevent violence from occurring.

I ask that the House provide a favorable response to this amendment.

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

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I urge support of the Kirkland amendment.

Madam Speaker, we need to begin at some point in time to address problems on the front end and not always on the back end. Representative Kirkland, the previous speaker, has an amendment here that in fact does that, and, Madam Speaker, I urge support for this amendment.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

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

Daley	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Leh	Rohrer	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Lloyd	Sainato	
Dermody	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

Hershey Serafini

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0558:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 14,000,000

Amend Sec. 227, page 115, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

For lease or lease/purchase of
educational facilities for Clearfield Center
of Lock Haven University.

State appropriation 2,000,000

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

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

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I submit to the membership amendment 0558. This presents \$2 million for Lock Haven University for the purpose of leasing or purchasing a facility in the Clearfield area for the purpose of instruction. Even though it takes the money out of the Revitalization Fund, what a proper way to revitalize an area, to provide all these jobs in this facility, for this university.

I ask that the membership agree with my presentation.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-109

Allen	DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni
Battisto	DiGirolamo	Markosek	Schuler
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Mayernik	Scrimenti
Belardi	Druce	McCall	Semmel
Belfanti	Evans	McGeehan	Shaner

Bishop	George	Melio	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Boscola	Gordner	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Gruitza	Miller	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Buxton	Hanna	Myers	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Herman	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Horsey	Olasz	Thomas
Carn	Itkin	Oliver	Tigue
Casorio	James	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Jarolin	Petrarca	Trello
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Petrone	Trich
Colafella	Kaiser	Pistella	Van Home
Colaizzo	Keller	Preston	Veon
Conti	Kenney	Ramos	Vitali
Corpora	Kirkland	Readshaw	Walko
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Reinard	Washington
Cowell	Laughlin	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Lederer	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Lescovitz	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Daley	Levdansky	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lloyd	Sainato	Youngblood
Dermody			

NAYS--92

Adolph	Fargo	Manderino	Serafini
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.
Bard	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
Benninghoff	Geist	Micozzie	Steil
Birmelin	Gladeck	Nailor	Stern
Brown	Godshall	Nickol	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	Orie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Harhart	Pettit	True
Chadwick	Hasay	Phillips	Tulli
Civera	Hennessey	Pippy	Vance
Clark	Hershey	Platts	Waugh
Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Williams, C.
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
Cornell	Jadlowiec	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dally	Krebs	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Leh	Sather	
Eachus	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Fairchild	Major		

NOT VOTING--0

EXCUSED--2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0559:

Amend Sec. 212, page 51, line 7, by inserting after "open."

From this amount \$10,000,000 shall be used for a program to assist small school districts. Funds shall be distributed in the following manner: school districts with market value/personal income aid ratios of 0.500 or higher with average daily memberships of 1,500 or less shall receive payments equal to the product of \$85 multiplied by average daily membership. These payments shall not be used to compute percentage increases over amounts to be received during fiscal year 1996-1997. No funds from this appropriation shall be used as payments to school districts for improvements in either academic or nonacademic performance variables.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I present to the membership an amendment that had been presented in the previous year and accepted by this membership. It is very simple but yet very important, and it is for basic education, a sparsity formula that will help 103 school districts in 40 counties, and I ask the membership to do their very best in accepting and doing what is right for the areas with sparse populations who need these dollars.

Madam Speaker, it is not difficult to understand that we continue to put money in basic education and yet we do not change the formula. So we must apply, and we have done this. We have done it in repetition, and it has been accepted.

Madam Speaker, this allows those memberships, if less than 1,500 students in our schools that have an aid ratio of 0.5 or higher, \$85 per student, and I ask that you accept this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, the Appropriations chairman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This particular proposal attempts to utilize the general appropriations bill as a vehicle to amend the School Code bill, and that is just not permissible. So I urge a "no" vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. George, wish to be recognized again?

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I would hope that you or the gentleman, Mr. Barley, would not think that I was being somewhat presumptuous. I simply say to the gentleman that he knows well that I am not amending the School Code. I am simply doing what all the other moneys do in regard to supplying money for people in Pennsylvania, the children that are in the rural districts and do not have the advantage of the dense population. If my district and 100 other districts received the money that Mr. Barley's district received, I would not have to stand up here and present this amendment.

There are 103 districts that need this money. We have done it year after year. Until Mr. Barley and those with the ability can do something to reduce that span between the richer schools and the poorer schools, we will no longer need this, but tonight we need it and will continue to need it until they do something right. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

YEAS—99

Battisto	DeLuca	Lloyd	Sainato
Bebko-Jones	Dermody	Lucyk	Santoni
Belardi	DeWeese	Manderino	Scrimenti
Belfanti	Donatucci	Markosek	Shaner
Bishop	Eachus	Mayernik	Staback
Blaum	Evans	McCall	Steelman
Boscola	George	McGeehan	Stetler
Butkovitz	Gigliotti	Melio	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Michlovic	Surra
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Mihalich	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Haluska	Mundy	Thomas
Carn	Hanna	Myers	Travaglio
Casorio	Horse	Olasz	Trello
Cawley	Itkin	Oliver	Trich
Clark	James	Pesci	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Petrarca	Veon
Colafella	Josephs	Petrone	Vitali
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Pistella	Walko
Corpora	Keller	Preston	Washington
Corrigan	Kirkland	Ramos	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Coy	Laughlin	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lederer	Roberts	Yewcic
Daley	Lescovitz	Robinson	Youngblood
Dally	Levdansky	Roebuck	

NAYS—102

Adolph	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Allen	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Armstrong	Fichter	McGill	Seyfert
Baker	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Bard	Flick	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Gannon	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Geist	Miller	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Nailor	Steil
Birmelin	Godshall	Nickol	Stern
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Browne	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
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Carone	Hennessey	Phillips	Tigue
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Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Waugh
Conti	Jadlowiec	Reinard	Wilt
Cornell	Kenney	Rohrer	Wogan
Dempsey	Krebs	Ross	Wright, M. N.
Dent	Lawless	Rubley	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Leh	Sather	Zug
Druce	Lynch	Saylor	
Egolf	Maitland	Schroder	Ryan,
Fairchild	Major	Schuler	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. MYERS offered the following amendment No. A0560:

Amend Sec. 238, page 120, line 15, by inserting after "Council."

The council shall prepare a report by July 1, 1999, which studies the impact on individuals and hospitals of the medical assistance cuts set forth in the amendatory act of May 16, 1996 (P.L.175, No.35), including the impact on individual access to timely and appropriate health care, individual health outcomes, utilization of hospital emergency room services, and availability of specialized hospital services.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Myers.

Mr. MYERS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to offer amendment 560. Amendment 560 proposes that the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council study the impact of the medical assistance cuts as a result of Act 35.

Now, I do not know, is there anyone in this House that does not believe that us removing 220,000 people does not have some kind of impact on the total constituency here in the Commonwealth? Now, some of us think the consequences are good. Some of us are adamant that the consequences are asinine, negative, and bad. But we as a body have a professional responsibility, when we make major changes in services such as this, to determine what in fact these outcomes are; that any one of you who would operate a business and make such a major change, you would want to understand, analyze, and determine whether these types of consequences were affecting your business negatively or positively. What are the impacts? We have our own speculations. We all talk about, yeah, I think they are right, and yeah, I think they are wrong, but one way to determine is to in fact have a proper analysis done.

And I would like to say this here: I cannot speak for everybody else's county, but in Philadelphia, \$116 million in revenue has been lost as a result of these cuts — estimated. It is also estimated that there will be a total of \$144 million lost in Philadelphia — 29,000 hospital jobs to be lost and potentially the closing of at least 5 or 6 of our hospitals.

Why should we vote for this amendment? For three reasons: One, the last time I offered this, it was agreed to by both sides of this aisle, that both sides of this aisle thought that it was a worthy endeavor to study whether in fact these cuts had a positive or negative impact. The other reason: It is not going to cost you any money. It is not going to cost any additional money. The third

reason is because it is the right thing to do. It is not a matter of money; it is a matter of will.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues on both sides of the House to support this amendment, A0560. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-194

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schuler
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhatten	Staback
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Stairs
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carn	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
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Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
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Civera	Hutchinson	Pettit	True
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Van Horne
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Krebs	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
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Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maitland	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS-5

Benninghoff	Clark	Fargo	Schroder
Birmelin			

NOT VOTING-2

Herman	Micozzie
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EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Ms. STEELMAN offered the following amendment No. A0561:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 978,131,000

Amend Sec. 227, page 115, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

For electronic infrastructure program.

In order to receive this appropriation the State System of Higher Education must match 50% of the appropriation by obtaining \$2,700,000 in private matching money.

State appropriation 5,400,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County, Representative Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Earlier this evening we added \$2.7 million to the original budget proposal for what was described in that amendment as the Prometheus Project. This is the same thing under a slightly different name and with two other changes.

First, this amendment would appropriate \$5.4 million to the Prometheus Project, which provides electronic infrastructure development for the State System of Higher Education, and it would change the ratio of the match that is required from the State System schools participating in the project. As we have it now, we are requiring that the State System campuses raise two dollars for every dollar that the State is willing to match. I am proposing that we change that to requiring that the campuses raise one dollar and that we be prepared to match that with two dollars.

I think everyone in this body who has become involved in using some of the electronic capabilities that are opening up around us, particularly e-mail and the Internet, has realized how much more you can learn, how much more you can do than you could before you had access to these kinds of capacities. And even those of us who are obstinately refusing to become Net surfers, I think, realize that learning these skills and being able to utilize these electronic devices is a critical part both of learning and of becoming employable in the world that we now live in.

I think it is critically important that we assist our State System universities in enabling the students to develop these capacities and in permitting the faculty to utilize their abilities and skills to the fullest.

And I also want to point out that we have added a number of appropriations to the budget bill at this point, several of which are going to institutions of higher learning, and the great majority of those appropriations are not going to require any match at all. So by requiring that the State System raise money in order to draw down money from the State, we are actually already setting the bar higher for them than we are for the other institutions that are going to be profiting from such appropriations as the supercomputer facility and the technological alliance.

I would encourage the other members to consider this appropriation to increase the funding for the Prometheus Project, because I think that it is going to have a long-term beneficial effect on our ability to prepare the young people of Pennsylvania for jobs in the future.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Somerset County, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, as the maker of the amendment stated, earlier today we approved an amendment for the Prometheus Project. I do not remember how much money that was, but I gather that that was \$2.7 million. Is the effect of this amendment to add another \$5.4 million, or is the effect of this amendment to add \$2.7 million to what we did earlier and change the matching requirements?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The effect will be to add \$5.4 million more.

Mr. LLOYD. So then, Madam Speaker, what we would really have is \$8.1 million for the Prometheus Project?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The money is not being put in the same line item as the \$2.7 million, so that is really not totally accurate.

Mr. LLOYD. But this does not in any way wipe out those line items that were enacted previously and substitute this amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, it does not.

Mr. LLOYD. Could I be recognized on the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, I am going to vote against this amendment, and I would suggest that members who have State prisons in their districts or who are worried about prison privatization or who are worried about layoffs of prison employees or who are worried about escapes from State prisons might take note of the fact that this \$5.4 million is coming out of the general government line item for the prison system.

Now, last year we had the advantage of spending, I do not remember how many millions of dollars of savings in benefit-factor recalculations. I have not heard anything like that this year, so I am assuming that this is real money. This amount is approximately equal to what the Governor had requested for the conversion of a hospital in my district to a prison. I do not want to see that project brought to a halt, especially since we already have \$2.7 million in the budget for this computer system.

So, Madam Speaker, I am going to oppose this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I think it would be shortsighted for us if we forgot the recent prison escape in Allegheny County and the riots that took place just across the river a few years ago from where we are. I am not prepared, Madam Speaker, to sacrifice the safety of good, law-abiding citizens in this Commonwealth. There is nothing more important than the personal safety of our citizens. Madam Speaker, every individual that lives in this Commonwealth and lives in the communities surrounding our prisons deserves to know that their safety is of the utmost importance to those that are responsible for it, and this amendment takes money away from the operating line in our prisons and subsequently threatens the safety of the families that live in the communities where these prisons are located.

Madam Speaker, the personal safety of these individuals has no price tag, and I urge the members to vote "no" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County, Representative Steelman, for the second time.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Just a quick response to the bugaboo that has been raised that if we appropriate \$2.7 million from a corrections budget of almost \$1 billion, that that will result in the collapse of the Pennsylvania State prison system. I think most of the people here are old enough and smart enough to know that that is not true.

Frankly, given that we have got 90 days before the budget deadline, it is not even absolutely true to say that we are talking about real money here. There is a great deal of negotiation that is going to go on. There is a great deal of maneuvering that is still going to happen in the process. What I think is important here is to get on paper the idea, at least, that we want to support crucial developments in the educational system of Pennsylvania, developments that will prepare our young people for good jobs with which they can support families and stay here in Pennsylvania. Obviously, people's personal safety is important to them, and we are appropriating a great deal of money to try and look after that, but people's lives and the education that underlies their ability to make a good living is also extremely important.

Also, I hesitate to say that I take issue with the decisions of the Speaker and the Parliamentarian, but the amendment was at least written with the intent that it would overlay the Prometheus Project language. They are designed to fit into essentially the same space in the budget, and the purpose of this amendment is simply to wind up with a total line item of \$5.4 million and with a matching requirement.

As I say, given that we have almost 3 solid months to continue to massage this budget, I do not think that anyone is going to come back to any member of this House and say that they feel personally threatened because you voted to give their child a better education.

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

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I was not going to say anything until the gentleman tried to mention certain instances that happened with the prison back in Allegheny County and trying to scare the people of Pennsylvania in dealing about safety.

What it was, unfortunately, was poor management, poor administration, by this Governor and his administration. Anytime you can let a prisoner approve or disapprove a purchase order, let people dig a 15-foot hole and tunnel another 35 feet, has nothing to do with State appropriations and dealing with funds of the operation and the management. Anytime you let people paint the guardhouses that we pay for so that the guards do not have to look at the prisoners anymore or that certain prisoners have certain privileges where guards cannot even go has nothing to do with the State appropriations and the safety of the public. What it was was poor administration and poor management by the people that this Governor has appointed to run his prison system.

Also what happened previously down in the prison across the river here, the former commissioner had to resign. It had absolutely nothing to do with the moneys and the funds being used for appropriations. It is unfortunate that we have to hear this form of scare tactics when all we are hearing is, poor management, poor administration; of how someone can go down and wind up having a party in Texas; why a different administration and different prison guards are being allowed by the administration to even paint the windows so they do not even have to look at the prisoners, and we even paid for it — paid for it with purchase orders ordered by this administration.

So what we did was waste money. There was an alarm system, as Mr. Walko had pointed out, had brought out even before, that had not worked in over 12 years. A couple of dollars would have fixed it — a couple of dollars.

Scare tactics really do not work, and I think it is inappropriate to chastise the lady to say that, per quote from the gentleman of the Appropriations Committee, that this is about safety. They have been in the business of correcting some things in the name of corrections, and to my thinking, it is a department of mistakes, they really have not corrected anything, and I think the lady deserves a chance to have her amendment approved.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Battisto	DeWeese	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Markosek	Shaner
Belardi	Evans	Mayermik	Staback
Belfanti	George	McCall	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	McGeehan	Stetler
Boscola	Gordner	Melio	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mihalich	Surra
Cappabianca	Haluska	Mundy	Tangretti
Carn	Hanna	Myers	Thomas
Casorio	Itkin	Olasz	Tigue
Cawley	James	Oliver	Travaglio
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Pesci	Trello
Colafella	Josephs	Petrarca	Trich
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Petrone	Van Horne
Corpora	Keller	Pistella	Veon
Corrigan	Kirkland	Preston	Vitali
Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Walko
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Washington
Curry	Lederer	Robinson	Williams, A. H.
Daley	Lescovitz	Roeback	Youngblood
DeLuca	Levdansky	Sainato	Zug
Dermody			

NAYS—111

Allen	Fairchild	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Baker	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Bard	Fichter	McGill	Seyfert
Barley	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Barrar	Flick	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	Michlovic	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Geist	Miller	Stairs
Blaum	Gladeck	Nailor	Steil
Boyes	Godshall	Nickol	Stern
Brown	Gruppo	O'Brien	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Orie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Hasay	Pettit	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hennessey	Phillips	True
Carone	Herman	Pippy	Tulli
Chadwick	Hershey	Platts	Vance
Civera	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Clark	Hutchinson	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Reber	Wilt
Conti	Kenney	Reinard	Wogan
Cornell	Krebs	Rohrer	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Ross	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Leh	Rubley	Yewcic
Dent	Lloyd	Santoni	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Sather	
Druce	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Egolf			

NOT VOTING—5

Adolph	Horsey	Micozzie	Ramos
Clymer			

EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. COLAFELLA offered the following amendment No. A0563:

Amend Sec. 212, page 56, line 7, by inserting after "Institute."
No community college shall receive an allocation less than that appropriated for the 1996-1997 fiscal year.

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

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

Mr. COLAFELLA. Madam Speaker, my amendment enables no community college to receive less money than was appropriated for the 1996-97 year. What has happened is that most community colleges in the last few years have been funded by FTE's (full-time equivalents), and since there has been somewhat of a decline in the

enrollment over the last year or so, if they are funded on FTE's and they receive far less money, it presents a major crisis for community colleges in this State, and so for that I ask for your support of my amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

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

NAYS—7

Clark	Maitland	Nickol	Waugh
Lynch	McGill	Platts	

NOT VOTING—1

Birmelin

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. COLAFELLA offered the following amendment No. A0564:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 973,531,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 56, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Institute. The amount of \$10,000,000 of this appropriation is to be used solely for equipment purchases. The \$10,000,000 will be allocated based on the most recent FTE's.

State appropriation 165,192,000

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

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

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment will appropriate \$10 million for equipment for community colleges. Community college people all over this State have told us that there just are not enough moneys for them to purchase equipment for their classrooms, and this amendment will enable them to perform their work in a much more efficient manner.

I would appreciate your support of this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Somerset, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, this is the same issue that we just confronted on the Steelman amendment. If I understand correctly, this amendment takes \$10 million out of the general government appropriation for the Department of Corrections.

I think it is unfortunate that we are confronted with this situation. You are not about to tell me that— I hope you are trying to tell me I am misreading the amendment. It is unfortunate, because I think we all know the surplus is going to be bigger than has been acknowledged, but the fact is that those of us who have prisons in our district cannot vote or should not, in my opinion, vote to cut funding for the Department of Corrections, and for that reason I am going to vote "no."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to oppose this amendment for the very same reasons that I opposed the previous amendment that takes money from the operating line of our State prisons. Again, I do not want to

jeopardize the families and the individuals that live in those communities.

And in addition to that, on this particular amendment, I would like to point out to the members that as a result of two earlier amendments that were adopted — amendment 586 and amendment 706 — they had the effect of including in excess of \$10 million already for the community colleges.

So therefore, Madam Speaker, I oppose this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Colafella, for the second time.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Madam Speaker, I realize that there was a previous amendment passed, but it also included moneys, of the \$10 million, for vocational schools.

Madam Speaker, what we are asking for is \$10 million for equipment for community colleges, for education, so that when these students graduate from a community college, they will be good citizens, they will be taxpaying citizens, and what we are asking for is a vote for education rather than a vote for prisons. Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—98

Battisto	Dent	Manderino	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	Dermody	Markosek	Scrimenti
Belardi	DeWeese	Mayernik	Shaner
Belfanti	Donatucci	McCall	Staback
Bishop	Eachus	McGechan	Steelman
Blaum	Evans	Melio	Stetler
Boscola	George	Michlovic	Sturla
Boyes	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Surra
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cappabianca	Hanna	Olasz	Tigue
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Casorio	Horsey	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Itkin	Petrarca	Trich
Cohen, M.	James	Petrone	Van Horne
Colafella	Jarolin	Pistella	Veon
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Vitali
Corpora	Kaiser	Ramos	Walko
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Washington
Cowell	Kirkland	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Williams, C.
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lescovitz	Sainato	Youngblood
DeLuca	Levdansky		

NAYS—103

Adolph	Feese	Major	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masico	Semmel
Armstrong	Fleagle	Masland	Serafini
Baker	Flick	McGill	Seyfert
Bard	Gannon	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Barley	Geist	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Gladeck	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Godshall	Miller	Stairs
Birmelin	Gordner	Nailor	Steil
Brown	Gruppo	Nickol	Stern
Bunt	Habay	O'Brien	Stevenson
Buxton	Hasay	Orie	Strittmatter
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Carone	Herman	Pettit	Taylor, J.

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Cohen, L. I.	Kenney	Reber	Wilt
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Cornell	Lawless	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Rubley	Zug
Druce	Lucyk	Sather	
Egolf	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Fairchild	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. PRESTON offered the following amendment No. A0566:

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, line 9, by inserting after "bank."
Of this amount, \$8,200,000 is to be allocated to issue bonds for a \$100,000,000 Community Reinvestment Program.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Sometimes to be able to have an investment, you also must make another investment. What amendment 566 will do is designate already appropriated funds in this current budget that exists for \$15 million, it will take \$8.2 million to offset the debt. To do that, what we will be doing is authorizing the Governor to be able to float \$100 million in bonds for the community reinvestment program.

All too often when we look at our infrastructure across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, let us be honest: \$15 million is not a lot when we want to talk about a community development bank if we are going to be able to really generate the forms of revenue, the different forms of economic development, the different forms of jobs that many of us try to talk about within our own respective districts, in this own Commonwealth. One hundred million dollars will give the Governor that form of latitude so that we can really have a big bang and a much better development fund to be able to expand in the infrastructure within our many different communities, whether they be rural, suburban, or in the urban areas.

This is what this amendment will attempt to be able to do. I would ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment. It does not increase the expenditures on behalf of the Governor at all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

What this amendment attempts to do is it attempts to provide \$8.2 million to be devoted to a bond issue that has not been authorized. Bond issues must be authorized by referendum. That has not happened. The \$8.2 million that is in this amendment and is designated to bond issuance really should go directly to the community revitalization instead of being directed to support the potential issuance of bonds that have not been authorized.

So therefore, Madam Speaker, I oppose the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Preston, for the second time.

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

I can appreciate the gentleman's attitude, and what I might say, more laissez-faire. I would like to be able to call it a more progressive approach about economic development.

In the past when we had our Appropriations meeting, just as well as with the Governor when we dealt with the special snow fund when we had the emergency, the Governor still has not floated those bonds. We cannot sit down and always wait for the chief executive to be able to do what he should do, and what we are simply saying is that if we can appropriate this money to pay for the indebtedness so that it will not cost as far as the bonds are concerned, we are telling the Governor that \$15 million just does not get it.

I remember when we sat here in February when he talked about \$15 million for the community reinvestment act. Again, what does that really do? How much does it really generate? What we are saying is, to be able to give him the authority to float a bond for \$100 million, we will pay the debt of \$8.2 million — the cost to be able to do it. So therefore, we will be generating in total over \$107 million, to be able to really have true economic development.

Now, I can understand the gentleman maybe wanted to be able to stay a little bit close to the vest. I can understand the gentleman still wanting to try to not go for change. I can understand the gentleman from the Appropriations Committee not be willing to stand back and look and say, Pennsylvania, let us go forward; let us spend \$100 million in the community reinvestment act, as far as all over this State, in every area of this State, instead of \$15 million. Fifteen million dollars will not go far; let us be realistic. I know what the gentleman has to try to do to protect an entity, and we have already gone through all of these little special grants — a little drop here, a little drop there. It is almost like pouring a cup of coffee — a drop here, a drop there. Well, you really never do get a full drink.

What this amendment will be able to do is give the Governor of this Commonwealth the authority to spend \$107 million, and it will not cost him anything to be able to do it, but yet, in a sense, we will be able to generate jobs, generate the infrastructure that we need to develop within this Commonwealth, instead of the \$15 million that he may want to spread in a drop here and a drop there.

I would really ask my colleagues to be able to look a little bit forward, not look behind us. Let us move for change and try to be able to spend the money so that we can have an economic development plan that all of Pennsylvania can be very proud about. Whether you are in the urban area or the rural area or the suburban area, I think that this will be able to do it, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Battisto	DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Manderino	Scrimenti
Belardi	Eachus	Markosek	Serafini
Belfanti	Evans	Mayernik	Shaner
Bishop	George	McCall	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	McGeehan	Steelman
Boscola	Gordner	Melio	Stetler
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Michlovic	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Mihalich	Surra
Caltagirone	Hanna	Mundy	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Hasay	Myers	Thomas
Carn	Horsey	Olasz	Tigue
Casorio	Itkin	Oliver	Travaglio
Cawley	James	Pesci	Trello
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Petrarca	Trich
Colafrilla	Josephs	Petrone	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Pistella	Veon
Corpora	Keller	Preston	Vitali
Corrigan	Kirkland	Ramos	Walko
Cowell	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Washington
Coy	Laughlin	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Lederer	Roberts	Williams, C.
Daley	Lescovitz	Robinson	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Levdansky	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dermoddy	Lloyd	Sainato	Youngblood

NAYS—100

Adolph	Egolf	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Masland	Semmel
Armstrong	Fargo	McGill	Seyfert
Baker	Feese	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Bard	Fichter	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Fleagle	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Flick	Miller	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gannon	Nailor	Steil
Birmelin	Geist	Nickol	Stern
Boyes	Gladeck	O'Brien	Stevenson
Brown	Godshall	Oric	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruppo	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
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Carone	Harhart	Phillips	True
Chadwick	Hennessey	Pippy	Tulli
Civera	Herman	Platts	Vance
Clark	Hershey	Raymond	Waugh
Clymer	Hess	Reber	Wilt
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reinard	Wogan
Conti	Jadlowiec	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Cornell	Kenney	Ross	Zimmerman
Dally	Krebs	Rubley	Zug
Dempsey	Lawless	Sather	
Dent	Leh	Saylor	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Schroder	Speaker
Druce	Major		

NOT VOTING-1

Maitland

EXCUSED-2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Ms. **WILLIAMS** offered the following amendment No. **A0554**:

Amend Sec. 215, page 66, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting
Operation," including \$150,000 for
epilepsy support services.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Ms. Williams.

Ms. **WILLIAMS**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

With regard to this amendment and the following two amendments, because funding for epilepsy has already been addressed, I withdraw them. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

We ask the lady about amendment 555. Is that also withdrawn?

Ms. **WILLIAMS**. Yes, ma'am.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. And 556 as well?

Ms. **WILLIAMS**. And 556.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **MICHLOVIC** offered the following amendment No. **A0567**:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,000,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

For super computer.

State appropriation 1,500,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Michlovic.
Mr. **MICHLOVIC**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

In light of the passage of the Orie amendment earlier in the evening, I withdraw that amendment. Thank you.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **SAINATO** offered the following amendment No. **A0568**:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

For Lawrence County revitalization.

State appropriation 250,000

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 983,281,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. Sainato.

Mr. **SAINATO**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in support of my amendment, A0568. Basically, what this amendment will do is to restore something that was in the budget for many years that was taken out 2 years ago, which puts \$250,000 back into the budget for Lawrence revitalization. Basically, what this does is sets up a revolving loan fund, which creates jobs and helps provide small businesses that opportunity to help create jobs for Lawrence County.

I ask that members support the amendment.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. **BARLEY**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Once again I want to point out to the members, we are taking in this particular amendment \$250,000 from the budget of the State corrections, again jeopardizing the safety of the residents that live in the communities of our prisons, but in this particular amendment, we are then transferring it, a \$250,000 grant, for economic revitalization for this specific county.

Madam Speaker, this is just not the kind of legislating we should be doing here on the floor and I oppose this amendment.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. Sainato, for the second time.

Mr. **SAINATO**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I think this is a very important amendment. I think it is something that has worked in the past, and if you look at last year's budget, this type of appropriation was made for many counties in Pennsylvania. I think as we discussed earlier, the opportunity grants and things like that, I think it is a worthwhile program. I think the money has been there in the past for Lawrence County, and I just would like to see the money restored.

The money that is expended will be paid back. The money is always paid back by creating jobs and the tax revenue that goes back into the Commonwealth, and the money is paid back by businesses. It is not a grant program; it is a revolving loan program.

I ask for your support.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—91

Battisto	Dermody	Lucyk	Sainato
Bebko-Jones	DeWeese	Markosek	Santoni
Belardi	Donatucci	Mayernik	Serafini
Belfanti	Evans	McCall	Shaner
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Sturla
Boscola	Gordner	Michlovic	Surra
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mihalich	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Haluska	Mundy	Thomas
Cappabianca	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Carn	Horsey	Olasz	Travaglio
Casorio	Itkin	Oliver	Trello
Cawley	James	Pesci	Trich
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Petrarca	Van Horne
Colaella	Josephs	Petrone	Veon
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Pistella	Vitali
Corpora	Keller	Preston	Walko
Corrigan	Kirkland	Ramos	Washington
Cowell	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Laughlin	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	Lederer	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lescovitz	Robinson	Youngblood
DeLuca	Levdansky	Roebuck	

NAYS—109

Adolph	Egolf	Major	Semmel
Allen	Fairchild	Manderino	Seyfert
Armstrong	Fargo	Marsico	Smith, B.
Baker	Feese	Masland	Smith, S. H.
Bard	Fichter	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Barley	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Stairs
Barrar	Flick	McNaughton	Steelman
Benninghoff	Gannon	Micozzie	Steil
Birmelin	Geist	Miller	Stern
Boyes	Gladeck	Nailor	Stetler
Brown	Godshall	Nickol	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Carone	Hasay	Pettit	True
Chadwick	Hennessey	Phillips	Tulli
Civera	Herman	Pippy	Vance
Clark	Hershey	Platts	Waugh
Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Williams, C.
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
Conti	Jadlowiec	Reinard	Wright, M. N.
Cornell	Kenney	Ross	Yewcic
Dally	Krebs	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lawless	Sather	Zug
Dent	Leh	Saylor	
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Schroder	Ryan,
Druce	Lynch	Schuler	Speaker
Eachus	Maitland	Scrimenti	

NOT VOTING—1

Rohrer

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0570:

Amend Sec. 212, page 53, line 23, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 11,000,000

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 47,684,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, I am going to set the trend. I am withdrawing A0570.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman planning to withdraw any of the other amendments that are listed next?

Mr. ITKIN. When I get up to bat, I will review them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All right.

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

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0571:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 12, by inserting after "Education." Of this appropriation, \$3,100,000 shall be used for Connelley Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, for operation and maintenance of the school. Payments shall be made by the Secretary of Education in equal quarterly installments.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, I will withdraw this amendment. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0572:

Amend Sec. 212, page 46, line 12, by inserting after "Education."
Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be
used for ethnic heritage studies.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, since this is such a small amount of money, I am going to offer this amendment.

This is only \$100,000 for the ethnic heritage studies centers in Pennsylvania. It only allocates \$100,000. I think it is a good measure, and I would ask the House to support the funding.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Madam Speaker, could I interrogate the sponsor of the amendment briefly?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

You indicated that the fact that this was such a small amount of money, you were going to offer the amendment. Could I take that as an indication that if we support this amendment, you would consider withdrawing the balance of the amendments that are for much larger amounts?

Mr. ITKIN. Let me say, Madam Speaker, that there are a number of other amendments that I will be withdrawing that are much more substantial in dollars.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.
I will support the amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-187

Adolph	Donatucci	Manderino	Saylor
Allen	Druce	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Mayernik	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	McCall	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	McGeehan	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McGill	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Belfanti	George	Melio	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	Gladeck	Micozzie	Stern
Blauum	Godshall	Mihalich	Stetler
Boscola	Gordner	Miller	Stevenson
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Brown	Gruppo	Myers	Sturla
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Bunt	Haluska	Nickol	Tangretti

Butkovitz	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Carn	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Petrone	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
Colafella	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Conti	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
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Corpora	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	LaGrotta	Reinard	Wogan
Coy	Laughlin	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lederer	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Leh	Robinson	Yewcic
Dally	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Youngblood
DeLuca	Levdansky	Rohrer	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lloyd	Ross	Zug
Dent	Lucyk	Sainato	
Dermody	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Major	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

NAYS-14

Birmelin	Feese	Lynch	Smith, S. H.
Carone	Fichter	Rubley	Steil
Clark	Krebs	Schroder	Wilt
Fargo	Lawless		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0573:

Amend Sec. 213, page 58, line 26, by removing the colon after "Protection" and inserting
Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall be
used for cleanup of fuel tanks at Allegheny
County remote fueling sites.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, I will withdraw that amendment.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. **ITKIN** offered the following amendment No. **A0574**:

Amend Sec. 215, page 66, line 6, by inserting after "Health."
Of this appropriation, \$150,000 shall be
used for epilepsy support services.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. **ITKIN**. Madam Speaker, the amendment is withdrawn.

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

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

Mr. **ITKIN** offered the following amendment No. **A0576**:

Amend Sec. 217, page 75, line 3, by inserting after "Industry."
Of this appropriation, \$3,500,000 shall be
used for job training programs in
southwestern Pennsylvania.

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. **ITKIN**. Madam Speaker, could you clarify the amendment number? I have amendment No. 0575.

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. We will temporarily pass over A0576, and the clerk will read the correct amendment, A0575.

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

Mr. **ITKIN** offered the following amendment No. **A0575**:

Amend Sec. 217, page 75, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 13,647,000

Amend Sec. 217, page 76, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,600,000

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. **ITKIN**. Madam Speaker, this is an important funding source for a very special group of people, citizens in our Commonwealth. What this amendment will do is it will appropriate \$600,000 in addition to the \$1 million that is now provided, bringing a total of \$1.6 million, for the centers for independent living.

As the House should know, this provides vocational rehab services for people who are disabled. It provides information referral, peer counseling, and independent living assistance. These people who secure the help of these centers, the very purpose is to attain self-sufficiency and to avoid more expensive institutionalization for the Commonwealth.

Consequently, I feel very committed to provide this additional \$600,000, and I would urge the House to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
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Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Steelman
Bishop	George	Michlovic	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
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Civera	Horse	Pettit	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Home
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
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Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. **ITKIN** reoffered the following amendment No. **A0576**:

Amend Sec. 217, page 75, line 3, by inserting after "Industry."
Of this appropriation, \$3,500,000 shall be
used for job training programs in
southwestern Pennsylvania.

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. **ITKIN**. Madam Speaker, this is an amendment that I also could withdraw, because I believe that the chairman of the Appropriations Committee has a similar amendment.

Perhaps Mr. Barley could advise the House whether he does intend to offer his vocational education amendment.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. **BARLEY**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am not planning to offer that amendment at this time.

Mr. **ITKIN**. Madam Speaker, then I will offer this amendment.

This amendment is very similar. What it does is provides for \$3½ million for job training in western Pennsylvania.

In the past this program has been performed by Bidwell, which is a well-known, renowned training center in Pittsburgh. We are not limiting this appropriation to Bidwell. It could be provided by any activity willing to perform the program in western Pennsylvania. But it would basically make available \$3½ million of money for job training.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader from Philadelphia, the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. **PERZEL**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Last year, at the request of many members on the other side of the aisle and after having seen the facility, a number of our members from this side of the aisle, we realized that Bidwell is one of the few places doing an excellent job with job training around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Madam Speaker, and we saw

fit to put, I believe it was \$3 million in last year's budget, through the budget negotiations.

I would ask that the members support the Bidwell institute this time, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Druce	Major	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Egolf	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Evans	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fairchild	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fargo	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Feese	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	George	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Steil
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Pettit	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnarowski
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Maitland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

EXCUSED-2

Cornell

Argall

Rooney

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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0577:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 34,907,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 101, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,061,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, this amendment is withdrawn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0578:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 34,965,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 87, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 10,102,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotion that I offer this amendment. I believe that we should be providing more money to the visually impaired, and this amendment would do that. The Governor has in his budget provided for additional appropriations, State appropriations, for this activity. Unfortunately, there have been Federal cutbacks, which means that the State funds will not really go that far.

Consequently, this is an opportunity to add another close to \$2 million for services for the visually impaired. I would support the amendment, and I hope that the House will do likewise.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0579:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 23, by inserting after "Welfare."
Of this appropriation, \$200,000 shall be used to support programs which provide respite care for families with children who are mentally alert but have physical disabilities or chronic illnesses.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, this is another amendment that I have great concern about the issue. This amendment would appropriate \$200,000 to programs that provide in-home services for severely disabled children. It really allows respite services to those persons, relieving them the burdens of caring, for those that have physically disabled children at home. Unfortunately, the organization to which this appropriation would have gone no longer exists. It failed to be able to get sufficient funding to be able to maintain its well-being, and it finally went over at the end of last year.

Consequently, I will no longer need to offer this amendment and I will withdraw it at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0580:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 23, by inserting after "Welfare."
Of this appropriation, \$750,000 shall be used for support of radio information services.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, this amendment would allocate three-quarters of a million dollars to radio information services.

As you know, there are 14 of these services provided statewide, and what they do is provide programming opportunity to blind persons, who obviously need these radio programs in order to be able to be well versed with news and sports and other things in the State.

Consequently, I would request that we provide a modest sum of three-quarters of a million dollars for this program to continue.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fairchild	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McIlhattan	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	Melio	Steelman
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Blaum	Gigliotti	Micozzie	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Mihalich	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Miller	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Bunt	Gruppo	Nailor	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Oliver	Thomas
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Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	True
Civera	Horsey	Pettit	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
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Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
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Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
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Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermoddy	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0591:

Amend Sec. 219, page 82, line 23, by inserting after "Welfare."
Of this appropriation, \$200,000 shall be used for support of self-help group networks which encourage individuals sharing common problems to establish self-help groups.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, this is a \$200,000 appropriation to provide for self-help networks.

As you know, this program is used to encourage people who have common problems to work together and take care of their needs through networking. We believe it to be very, very useful and very functional. The difficulty is that these people who participate in these networks can ill afford to provide the program support necessary to establish the network.

I urge the House to adopt this amendment, providing \$200,000 for this purpose.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Sather
Allen	Druce	Major	Saylor
Armstrong	Eachus	Markosek	Schuler
Baker	Egolf	Marsico	Scrimenti
Bard	Evans	Masland	Semmel
Barley	Fairchild	Mayernik	Serafini
Barrar	Fargo	McCall	Seyfert
Battisto	Fichter	McGeehan	Shaner
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Boscola	Godshall	Miller	Stettier
Boyes	Gordner	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Carone	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
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Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Chadwick	Horsey	Petrone	True
Civera	Hutchinson	Pettit	Tulli
Clark	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	James	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colafrella	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
Conti	Keller	Raymond	Waugh
Cornell	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.

Corpora	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Krebs	Reinard	Wogan
Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
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DeLuca	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

NAYS—7

Browne	Lynch	Smith, S. H.	Wilt
Harhart	Schroder	Stevenson	

NOT VOTING—3

Dempsey	Feese	Manderino
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EXCUSED—2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A0592:

Amend Sec. 209, page 35, line 18, by inserting after "Development."
Of this appropriation, \$200,000 shall be used to further promote tourism in southwestern Pennsylvania by supporting programs that promote use of waterways.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, this is the last amendment that I will be offering. This would allocate \$200,000 for waterways programs in southwestern Pennsylvania.

An example of how this money could be used would be in support of the Three Rivers Regatta, which is a very important annual event in Pittsburgh. It develops a tremendous amount of tourist interest, and it is a real primer for economic development in the Pittsburgh area.

It is a small amount of money that goes a long way, and I would request the House to support this very modest appropriation of \$200,000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to oppose this amendment.

This amendment is similar to some amendments that we considered earlier in the evening that simply take appropriations

from our community development funds, our economic development funds, and in this particular instance, they are doing the same thing to the extent of \$200,000 and using that to promote a local annual event — a party, if you will, that takes place on the waterfront in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania.

I just do not think it is fair to be doing that here on the floor, and I would urge that the members would oppose this amendment.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Itkin, for the second time.

Mr. ITKIN. Madam Speaker, the House has been so generous this evening with the support of my amendments that I am not going to fight on this one. I will at this time withdraw the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Am I to understand that you are also withdrawing amendment 0594?

Mr. ITKIN. Yes; I am withdrawing amendment 0594 and also — We already did the 0595.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Also 0593?

Mr. ITKIN. And 0593.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SANTONI offered the following amendment No. A0597:

Amend Sec. 202, page 24, line 24, by inserting after "prevention."
No funds shall be expended until enactment of community crime prevention legislation which includes a formula for distributing funds.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what reason does the gentleman, Mr. Michlovic, rise?

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Madam Speaker, it is beyond the hour of 11 o'clock, and I would move that —

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Michlovic, that is no longer applicable.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Santoni, in connection with A0597.

Mr. SANTONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in this year's budget, for the community crime prevention line item, there is a State appropriation of \$1 million, and all amendment 597 will do is require that legislation be enacted with a formula before this appropriation is distributed through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

A few years ago, the General Assembly appropriated \$400,000 to PCCD for State and local crime prevention programs. A competitive RFP (request for proposal) was issued, and as a result, \$300,000 was extended for local grant amounts and \$100,000 was extended for statewide crime prevention efforts.

This amendment will ensure that the grant process is formula-driven and that enabling legislation is adopted. I ask for your support.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to packet 9.

The following members will be called: Josephs, Stairs, Stairs, Cowell, Stairs, Williams, Coy, a series of amendments by Williams, Jarolin, Michlovic, and Eachus.

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

Ms. JOSEPHS offered the following amendment No. A0613:

Amend Sec. 209, page 35, line 18, by inserting after "Development."
The department shall create a strategy to meet the demand for jobs produced by the work requirements and time limits in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Josephs.
Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment has no amount attached to it. It is simply language directing the Department of Community and Economic Development to create a strategy to meet the demand for jobs produced by the work requirements and the time limits in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, the TANF Program.

We just voted recently to end the entitlement and to put people who need to get cash grants on a 60-month limit, and then they are to leave the program, they will have no income, and they will need jobs. I would like to see the Department of Community and Economic Development put some major emphasis into creating jobs, because I do not want to see this State have upwards of 155,000 individuals — and those are numbers from the Department of Public Welfare — who have children and no income and we have no jobs.

So I would appreciate a positive vote on this amendment.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
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Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. STAIRS offered the following amendment No. A0616:

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 9,500,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 53, line 23, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 11,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am happy to offer this amendment on behalf of the intermediate units to restore the \$5.5 million that was cut from their budget.

Earlier in March, the IU directors met with the Education Committee and talked about their future in Pennsylvania's education, and certainly I hope that they can continue, as they have in the past 25 years, to be a very lead agency in education services.

So I would hope that the House would restore this cut and support my amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

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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?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Stairs, have you withdrawn A0617?

Mr. STAIRS. Mr. Speaker, I am withdrawing this amendment. Earlier this evening a similar amendment passed and it addresses my concerns, so I am withdrawing it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0622:

Amend Sec. 223, page 111, line 15, by inserting after "activities."
At least \$1,000,000 of this appropriation shall be used for the Governor's Local Anti-Drug Strike Task Force.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is an amendment to a line item which is \$119 million which we provide for our State Police.

We in Philadelphia County and many counties across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are now unfortunately suffering from the consequences of open drug sales and drug sales on street

corners and drug sales in vacant lots and the like. While many of us struggle and believe that our local law enforcement is the appropriate line of defense, it is clear that we are outmanned and we are outgunned and that simply putting more people on the streets will not be the answer.

This is a request that the Governor, at his disposition, can see fit, at any appropriate time, to direct a strike force to any municipality in any county and have the resources and the means by which to do that. It is a modest amount; it is \$1 million which the Governor can appropriate to the State Police and direct them to retaliate against drug dealers in small— I have a small borough of Yeadon, as a matter of fact. They are also unfortunately beginning to suffer from the ill effects of open and public drug sales. That is a small police force of approximately 6 to 10 people. They are not even all full-time; they are part-time people. They will need the expertise of a larger and more impactful force.

So I am requesting the passage of this particular amendment, Mr. Speaker, so that the State Police can augment and support and that the Governor can have discretion, as he sees fit, in those emergency situations, to direct the State Police to get involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
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Rooney

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?

Mr. COY offered the following amendment No. A0623:

Amend Sec. 219, page 98, line 24, by inserting after "includes" continued funding for community center-based services and

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Coy. Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the intent of this amendment is to assure continued funding for community center-based early intervention services, and it recognizes that for children with disabilities to reach their maximum potential, it is imperative that we provide them with a full range of treatments, and most folks agree that community-based services, center-based services, do the best job in that regard. I have visited them personally, and I think this simple statement in the budget, without spending any more money, will assure the continued treatment at centers like this, and I encourage its adoption.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
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Argall Rooney

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?

Ms. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0624:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,875,000

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

U.S.C. § 148). At least \$99,000 of this amount shall be used for general obligation debt service related to the floating of the remaining bond authorizations as provided by the November 1990 voter referendum for the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund.

State appropriation 567,383,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady. Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to pass over this amendment and go on to the next one.

The SPEAKER. Are you withdrawing that amendment?

Ms. WILLIAMS. I am just passing over it for the moment.

The SPEAKER. Are you asking that it go— You are listed for four amendments. If you pass over this amendment, I am going to put it at the end of the line. Is that all right?

Ms. WILLIAMS. Of the whole line? That is fine with me.

The SPEAKER. The whole line. All right.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0625:

Amend Sec. 206, page 29, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

U.S.C. § 148). At least \$99,000 of this amount shall be used for general obligation debt service related to the floating of the remaining bond authorizations as provided by the November 1990 Volunteer Companies Loan voter referendum.

State appropriation 567,383,000

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 53,134,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Williams, in connection with the offering of amendment 625.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I offer this amendment which reduces the General Services fund by \$50,000 but adds this to the volunteer companies loan fund. It is a revolving fund. Our volunteer companies all through the State need additional help. This is just a little money to make it able for them to operate on the limited funds and the contributions that we give them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,
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Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
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Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
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DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Argall Rooney

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?

Ms. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0626:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,825,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 16,100,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With regard to this amendment, I would like to withdraw it and go on to the next amendment, please.

The SPEAKER. The lady withdraws amendment 626.

The clerk will read amendment 627. Do you intend to offer 627?

Ms. WILLIAMS. Yes, I do.

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read 627.

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

Ms. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0627:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 16,100,000

Amend Sec. 214, page 65, line 8, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 53,084,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery on the adoption of amendment 627.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Because there is some concern, I think, among some members of our House that some of the community revitalization funds have already been directed, I would like to increase the appropriation for the Department of Community and Economic Development funds by \$100,000 and take this from the Department of General Services.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Donatucci	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Eachus	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Egolf	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Evans	Marsico	Serafini
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Barrar	Fargo	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Feese	McCall	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Fichter	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	Mello	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	George	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Miller	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Mundy	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Myers	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Nailor	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Nickol	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	O'Brien	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Orie	Thomas
Cam	Hasay	Perzel	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Pesci	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Petrarca	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Petrone	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Pettit	True
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vance
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NAYS-2

Lloyd McGill

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Jarolin, please come to the rostrum.

The Chair advises the members that the Williams amendment 624 has been withdrawn; the Jarolin amendment 629 is withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC offered the following amendment No. A0630:

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 11, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,941,000

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,625,000

Amend Sec. 222, page 109, lines 17 and 18, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

areas with telecommunication devices. Of these funds, \$400,000 shall be used for matching grants to international airports in Pennsylvania for the establishment and operation of welcome centers in prominent areas of those airports. Each grant dollar shall be matched by one or more dollars of Federal, local, private or airport authority funds, and no grant shall exceed \$100,000.

State appropriation 1,894,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment applies a \$400,000 grant program to international airports across the Commonwealth to establish welcome centers.

Last year when the Tourism Committee visited various parts of the State, this was one of the issues that was raised that needed improvement. The international visitors in tourism is a growing and expanding market, and this amendment would provide an incentive for those international airports to welcome not only foreign visitors but visitors from other parts of the country as well, and I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Sather
Allen	Donatucci	Lynch	Saylor
Armstrong	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
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Bard	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti

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Browne	Gordner	Miller	Strittmatter
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Butkovitz	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Buxton	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Haluska	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
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Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Thomas
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EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

Mr. EACHUS offered the following amendment No. A0631:

Amend Sec. 223, page 111, line 15, by inserting after "activities."

Under no circumstance shall the Pennsylvania State Police or the Commonwealth charge municipalities additional fees not in effect on the effective date of this act to augment this appropriation for providing law enforcement services.

Amend Sec. 807, page 171, line 25, by inserting after "Police."

Under no circumstance shall the Pennsylvania State Police or the Commonwealth charge municipalities additional fees not in effect on the effective date of this act to augment this appropriation for providing law enforcement services.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment No. 631 is short and simple; just a sentence: "Under no circumstances shall the Pennsylvania State Police or the Commonwealth charge municipalities additional fees not in effect on the effective date of this act to augment this appropriation for providing law enforcement services."

While the Representative from Erie's earlier amendment covered the \$8 million-plus that was withdrawn by the Governor's budget and reinstated that into the State Police budget, this creates foolproofness in the situation that has created problems in townships around the Commonwealth.

One reason I am sponsoring this amendment is because the Governor's proposed State Police fees will hit hard in Hazle Township in my district. Without this amendment, that township would pay \$236,000 the first year and \$946,000 the next year.

But I also have wider concerns. If we pass this amendment, we are giving the green light to a backdoor tax increase in several communities around the State, and that includes places that represent both Democrats and Republicans alike.

We talk a lot about unfunded mandates. Passing this amendment is a chance to stop an unfunded mandate before it gets started.

I also wonder if the uniformity clause of the Pennsylvania Constitution would allow the State to charge 22 communities for the State Police protection and not the others throughout the Commonwealth.

And if you think these fees will not affect your district, think again. We are looking at a slippery slope here. If we start down it, it may not be able to stop. Right now the cutoff of the State Police fees would be about 9,000 or more in only places that do not have their own police forces, but there is talk that a population cutoff could drop to 5,000 in the future, and that means that many more of you would be hearing from your constituents about local tax increases that would result.

Not only that, but in the face, this could open the door for local communities to pay for DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) fees, to pay for Agriculture Department fees for weights and measures, to pay for Dog Law enforcement and the like.

Let us slam the door by passing this amendment, and let us guarantee that none of our local communities will be charged for State Police protection and services that, to some extent, they all receive. I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Kaiser.

Mr. KAISER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment on the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. KAISER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Representative mentioned that this would lead into everything that this Commonwealth has to do, from weights and measures to DEP. This is very simple. It is a question of fairness.

If you have a town that is over 9,000 in population and you have a paid police force, why should there be another town in the Commonwealth with the same population that has the State Police come in and provide the police service for free? That is just not fair.

We all pay taxes in the Commonwealth, and this issue boils down to one simple issue, and that is an issue of fairness. I believe strongly that everyone has to pull their weight, and if one community is not paying for their police force, why should another community pay not only for their local police force but also for the State Police to go into another community and patrol?

I totally disagree with this amendment. I ask for a "no" vote on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Trello.

Mr. TRELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have three communities with less than 8,000 in population that have full-time police departments. Their budget represents 50 percent of all the revenues taken into that budget, and they are struggling. But you cannot put a price tag on public safety. Those communities have bitten the bullet and provided the taxes to provide public safety for their communities. I cannot appreciate a community that has over 9,000 people that pay taxes which gets a free ride on public safety.

I think it is fair for my three distressed communities to have taxes pay for their public safety. I think we should all be equal in that department.

With all due respect to the gentleman that is trying to provide police protection for his district, I think they ought to pay like my constituents pay, and I oppose the amendment also.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support the amendment, and the reason I do is one of fairness — almost similar to the previous speaker; however, coming from the point of view of an understanding of what the proposal that the gentleman, Mr. Eachus, is trying to eliminate actually does.

The proposal would have certain townships, certain municipalities in the State, pay extra for no more protection — that is, there will be no more State Police protection than anyplace else provided — but simply because they are above a certain level of population, and that figure makes no sense, because crime does not

follow necessarily heavily populated areas. In very rural areas, where it is hard for any police to patrol, crime may often be greater. So the amount and size of a population does not make any difference.

So I ask all of you, as an issue of fairness, an issue of fairness to folks who now and then vote for other proposals, from an issue of fairness to say, why should townships or any municipality be forced to pay more when they are not getting more protection?

I think it is great to have regional police. Part of my district has a regional police department—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Conferences on the floor will please break up.

The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. I was just concerned whose time we were on there, sir.

The SPEAKER. That was on your time.

Mr. COY. Thank you. I figured that.

But the issue of fairness is the one I was talking about, and my concern is that— I understand, because in part of the legislative district I represent, we have a regional police force and it is working well, and I think we should encourage more and more of them, but I think to do it in the manner that was suggested by the administration is not the right way to go. I think we should put more enticements forward, put more suggestions for these departments and communities to regionalize with other forces, financial incentives, if you will, but let us not penalize any area, as I am sure none of you would want your district penalized by some artificial method like this.

That is why I support this amendment, on this issue of fairness, and I encourage legislators to look at this from a point of view of fairness, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Dally.

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, rise to support the Eachus amendment and support what Representative Coy just said.

To those that are opposed to this amendment, I ask them, what is the difference between a municipality with 9,000 people and one with 8,500? I agree that we should encourage regionalization of police forces, but this is not the way to do it. If you have a rural township with a population in excess of 9,000, those residents have made a decision that they do not need a local police presence and rely on the State Police, as other residents in the Commonwealth do, for police protection.

I would encourage all members to support Representative Eachus and his amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Dent.

Mr. DENT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this amendment.

I was looking at some numbers recently that would suggest that many municipalities that are rather wealthy do not provide for their own police protection. In one municipality in particular, I saw thousands of calls, over 2,000 calls to this one municipality, only 15 of which were worthy of the State Police involvement. Any community that had local police would have had to send their own police out to make those calls; the State Police would not be involved.

I think it is simply unfair that this amendment will penalize those of us who represent communities where we ask our

taxpayers to support local law enforcement efforts. I think that this amendment is just simply uncalled for and we should reject it resoundingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the amendment, the problem that I have had, I guess, is, in its wisdom so many years ago, the legislature, when we created the State Police, created it for areas that are rural, those areas that did not have that form of access. I represent a borough that does not qualify but, however, is a distressed community and even in the city of Pittsburgh.

I find it hard to imagine that there are communities that have wealthy areas, as we have heard in the past, and yet are getting a free lunch. I do not believe in a free lunch. It says on the Coke bottle, no deposit, no return. You should be able to carry your own weight in your own time. These days of this free lunch in those areas, the State Police should be able to do and protect those rural areas that deserve it and do not have the closeness, but from what I am hearing about third-class cities and other different areas that have it or other townships — and there is one borough or township that even has 43,000 people — I think that this is really going over the bank.

The time has come for people to carry their own load when we have boroughs and townships that have eliminated a public works department, have eliminated some of their parks department, and have supported their own police department, but yet, in a sense, there are some wealthy communities that are spending the money on the parks department, even using some of the foreign fire and casualty money that they get for public safety and do not even have a public safety department and they are actually using it in their own general fund, which is really, in essence, almost against the law.

We should not be supporting this form of State welfare plan, and I think it is inappropriate, and I think it is time that people should start carrying their own load.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Roberts.

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the amendment.

I rise in support of the amendment.

Mr. Speaker, there are several townships in my area, not necessarily in my district but there are several townships in my area that on occasion use the State Police because they do not have a regional police force. The calls are very, very minimal, and I think that charging the residents of those townships for police service would cause an undue hardship, number one, and there is certainly an unfairness there.

However, I think that the most significant thing that was said tonight was, we do need to look at regional police forces. I would like to see some of those townships consider that. I think that it is incumbent upon us to perhaps try to find some administrative way to help or encourage regional police forces. But I can tell you that in the townships in my area, when a call is made to the State Police, there are no State Police that patrol those townships on a regular basis, they are somewhere in the county, and they may respond in 2 or 3 or 4 hours when they are called.

So for those folks who are going to be taxed if this amendment does not pass and if they are taxed to pay for the State Police protection, I would have to ask, are we prepared to put State Police in those townships 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, around the

clock? I do not think that is what we are asking for here or that is what we are intending to do or what the Governor intends to do.

I think this amendment is an amendment that should be passed this evening, and I think that we should maintain the status quo as far as the State Police protection goes, and I think that we should try to encourage townships to perhaps look at regional police forces. But I think this particular amendment is something that needs to be done. I think that we do not need to go in the direction of charging for police services in the different townships.

I might add one other thing. I also have several communities in my district that have police forces, and I can tell you that if those communities call for the State Police to come in for help, they respond. So for those who say that their police forces are doing their own job and they are not getting police protection from the State Police, I am telling you that the State Police will go to those communities, and in fact they do. Several of my cities have police forces and they do rely on the State Police, and those jurisdictions probably get as much coverage as those townships in my area that do not get the coverage.

So I stand for this amendment, and I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote "yes" on the Eachus amendment.

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

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

At 2340 hours of April 1, I want to give this House something to think about.

My colleagues knew last year when I was on the Appropriations Committee that I challenged the State Police to come into a distressed community that I represent. This is a town of approximately 4,500 residents that has 28 bars, 28 bars in it. They were given the information about the dope dealers, the gangs that hang out in there. For 2 years this was to no avail. This is a town that is going down the tubes.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I am having the superintendent of the Steel Valley School District come up here to plead for funds. They are the most distressed school district in the Commonwealth. They have no money. They will be going bankrupt.

But the point is this: The State Police never showed their face in that community, despite the fact that we had seven murders in 20 days — seven murders in 20 days.

We have a handful of local police. The municipality is trying to hold on. You tell me it is justified when a distressed community like this tries to maintain a police force when I can spit on other communities that have 10 times the wealth of this distressed community yet get free State Police protection.

You know when the State Police finally showed up in Homestead? When very close friends of mine — I knew the mother when she was a little girl — they stopped at a gas station right off the Homestead high-level bridge after visiting the grandparents; a gang fight broke out in a well-lit district; the 14-month-old baby was shot right through the eye and it came out at the back of the head. Where were the State Police? Maybe we should have pleaded a case of poverty and had them come in.

I tell you, this is unjust. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Mr. Speaker, no pay, no play. You think about it and vote this down, in all matters of fairness.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—73

Battisto	Evans	Lucyk	Semmel
Belardi	Fargo	Manderino	Serafini
Belfanti	Fleagle	Masland	Seyfert
Bishop	George	Mayernik	Shaner
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DeWeese	Laughlin	Roberts	Williams, A. H.
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Egolf			

NAYS—126

Adolph	Dent	Major	Saylor
Allen	Dermody	Markosek	Schroder
Armstrong	DiGirolamo	Marsico	Schuler
Baker	Druce	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bard	Fairchild	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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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?

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Gordner, seek recognition? For what purpose?

Mr. GORDNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To make a motion.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman giving some thought to a motion to adjourn?

Mr. GORDNER. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Now, you notice, I have not yet recognized you for that purpose.

Mr. GORDNER. I understand that, Mr. Speaker. I do believe a motion to adjourn is always in order though.

The SPEAKER. If recognized.

Will the gentleman come to the desk.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

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

Mr. KIRKLAND offered the following amendment No. A0634:

Amend Sec. 211, page 45, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	944,531,000
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Amend Sec. 222, page 109, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

For highway construction to supplement the Highway and Safety Improvement programs funded under the Motor License Fund.

State appropriation	39,000,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one of the ways that the State of Pennsylvania is going to travel into the 21st century will more than likely be by way of highway. Unfortunately, Pennsylvanians will find that that road is very bumpy here. Mr. Speaker, our highways are left to continuously deteriorate and crumble, and we here in Pennsylvania will find ourselves on a one-way street to nowhere. Construction and modernization of our highways provides jobs, jobs, and more jobs, for all of our constituents — those same jobs that the Governor spoke of when he signed the welfare reform bill.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking that we would take \$39 million from the appropriation that calls for incarceration and place that money into a much better use — job creation and the rebuilding of Pennsylvania's highways.

I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment takes \$39 million from State corrections, and again, I have made the point earlier in the evening that every time we are taking money away from State corrections, we are jeopardizing the safety of the individuals, the families that live in the communities surrounding the State prisons. An appropriation in the amount of \$39 million, something of that magnitude even goes beyond simply the safety of the communities. It jeopardizes the system in general because of the magnitude of the appropriation. To take that from prisons and just simply move it over into another line is an inappropriate way of funding the highway program, which is what this amendment attempts to do.

Mr. Speaker, because of this, I oppose the amendment and urge my colleagues to do the same thing.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to kind of set the record straight a little bit.

Right now it is estimated that in the 1997-98 term, we will be spending well over \$1 billion on corrections. Now, \$1 billion is a lot of money, but let us try to look at that from a commonsense focus.

Number one, that \$1 billion translates into about \$30,000 a year for every individual that sits in our correctional institutions. Now, Mr. Speaker, when we compare that with our education budget, the wealthiest school district receives no more than about \$10,000 to \$11,000 a year for an education — \$30,000 for those who are lounging in our correctional institutions; \$11,000 for those who are in our school system. You could arguably say that in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1997, you can get a scholarship, a scholarship to go to jail quicker than you can get a scholarship to go to Yale or get an education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We need to move more away from corrections and move more towards employment, jobs, and education.

Now, I agree that the communities where our correctional institutions are situated need to feel safe, and to whatever extent we can provide for that, we should do that, but let us not be mistaken in thinking that if we cut back on that which has been appropriated for corrections, over \$1 billion— If we cut back on some of the color TV's and some of the steak meals and some of the other privileges that are extended to those who are in our correctional institutions, if we just cut back \$10,000, \$20,000 per inmate is more than enough to take care of them, more than enough to protect the communities surrounding our correctional institutions.

We can ill afford to take another step forward in increasing corrections without increasing education, increasing jobs, and increasing other initiatives that allow us to deal with this problem on the front side of life rather than on the back side of life. Thirty-nine million dollars is a lot, but it is not going to hurt the correctional system, especially when sometime tonight or tomorrow we will give up the \$2 million that I am asking for for a job development program.

Support the Kirkland amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the Kirkland amendment, does the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, desire recognition?

The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment from Mr. Kirkland adds \$39 million for highway construction to supplement the highway safety and improvement programs funded under the Motor License Fund. Now, it is true, it takes it away from the Department of Corrections, but we were told that we urgently need this money for highway purposes, and this is a way to get it. In targeting the Department of Corrections, Mr. Kirkland targets that area of State government which is most rapidly expanding.

We passed the Daley legislation earlier this year which will save millions of dollars a year by transferring alien prisoners to the prisons in their foreign countries. Charles Colson, the head of the Prison Fellowship, was here recently, and he spoke at a press conference to many of the most conservative members of the House and Senate and suggested that far more sentencing ought to be in terms of financial restitution than criminal sentences. That would both generate revenue and save revenue.

I would hope that over the summer the Appropriations Committee, instead of taking the summer off, would actively study the prison budget and look at ways suggested by Colson's group and by others to really cut down the cost of prisons. Prisons threaten to be, in Ross Perot's words, the huge sucking sound that can overwhelm the budget. We now spend 10 times as much on prisons as we did when I was first elected here 23 years ago.

We are told how much we urgently need highway funding. We are told how urgent it is that our roads be fixed, that the signs on the roads be fixed, that transportation be improved. The Kirkland amendment is a clear way to create extra money for highway funding.

I strongly urge that we support the Kirkland amendment. It will give us money that we need for highway funding in addition to all the other money that is in the budget, and it will send a clear message to the Ridge administration and to ourselves that we really have to carefully scrutinize the prison budgets, that there are ways we can save money by changing the whole structure of sentencing, by changing the whole structure of prison administration. We can get these costs under control, and we can get money for highways that we need.

I again urge support of the Kirkland amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Kirkland, for the second time.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just a little while ago, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee used the word, the term "inappropriate" when it came to using this money for this reason.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that it is inappropriate for us to be taking State dollars and taxpayers' dollars and spending millions upon millions on nautilus equipment for persons who are supposed to be in jail. It is inappropriate, Mr. Speaker, to spend millions and millions of dollars for prisoners on computers when we cannot even spend money on computers in our own schools. It is inappropriate, Mr. Speaker, to spend millions of dollars to allow prisoners to obtain barber licenses, licenses to cut hair in our communities, when we do not even have barber schools within our own communities but we have them within these so-called correctional facilities. It is inappropriate, Mr. Speaker, for us to spend millions of dollars building state-of-the-art gymnasiums for persons who are incarcerated, Mr. Speaker, when I do not even have gymnasiums in my own district. And finally, Mr. Speaker, it

is inappropriate, very much so, to provide cable services, cable TV services, in some of these so-called correctional institutions when there are persons within our own communities that do not even have television.

Mr. Speaker, it is inappropriate for prisoners, persons who are supposed to be in jail, to live the life of Riley.

We are talking about building our highways; we are talking about giving people job opportunities; we are talking about building character and self-esteem within our own communities, Mr. Speaker. We are not talking about sending them to jail, but we are talking about preventive measures.

I ask that you would support my amendment and vote "yes" on the Kirkland amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—78

Battisto	Eachus	Manderino	Sainato
Bebko-Jones	Evans	Markosek	Santoni
Belardi	George	Mayernik	Shaner
Belfanti	Gigliotti	McCall	Staback
Bishop	Gordner	McGeehan	Steelman
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Melio	Stetler
Cam	Haluska	Mihalich	Sturla
Cawley	Hanna	Myers	Surra
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Olasz	Tangretti
Colafella	James	Oliver	Thomas
Colaizzo	Jarolin	Pesci	Travaglio
Corpora	Josephs	Petrarca	Trello
Corrigan	Kaiser	Petrone	Trich
Cowell	Keller	Pistella	Veon
Coy	Kirkland	Ramos	Vitali
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Washington
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Williams, A. H.
DeLuca	Lederer	Robinson	Williams, C.
Dermody	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Youngblood
Donatucci	Levdansky		

NAYS—122

Adolph	DiGirolamo	Major	Scrimenti
Allen	Druce	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Egolf	Masland	Serafini
Baker	Fairchild	McGill	Seyfert
Bard	Fargo	McIlhatten	Smith, B.
Barley	Feese	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Fichter	Michlovic	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Fleagle	Micozzie	Stairs
Birmelin	Flick	Miller	Steil
Blaum	Gannon	Mundy	Stern
Boscola	Geist	Nailor	Stevenson
Boyes	Gladeck	Nickol	Strittmatter
Brown	Godshall	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Browne	Gruppo	Orie	Taylor, J.
Bunt	Habay	Perzel	Tigue
Buxton	Harhart	Pettit	True
Caltagirone	Hasay	Phillips	Tulli
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Pippy	Vance
Carone	Herman	Platts	Van Home
Casorio	Hershey	Preston	Walko
Chadwick	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Civera	Hutchinson	Readshaw	Wilt
Clark	Jadlowiec	Reber	Wogan
Clymer	Kenney	Reinard	Wojnaroski
Cohen, L. I.	Krebs	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Conti	Lawless	Ross	Yewcic
Cornell	Leh	Rubley	Zimmerman

Dally	Lloyd	Sather	Zug
Dempsey	Lucyk	Saylor	
Dent	Lynch	Schroder	Ryan,
DeWeese	Maitland	Schuler	Speaker

NOT VOTING—1

Horsey

EXCUSED—2

Argall

Rooney

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?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Kirkland?

Mr. KIRKLAND. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You realize you have a problem with No. 635, do you not?

Mr. KIRKLAND. Say that again, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear you.

The SPEAKER. Yes, you did. I could see by your face.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Yes, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Kirkland, that amendment, in my opinion, is not revenue-neutral, and accordingly, is out of order.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully withdraw that amendment.

The SPEAKER. I thank the gentleman.

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

Mr. LEVDANSKY offered the following amendment No. A0637:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 11,000,000

Amend Sec. 222, page 110, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

For magnetic levitation development.

State appropriation 5,000,000

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

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

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment appropriates \$5 million to promote the development and deployment of magnetic levitation technology. This technology is in place in Western Europe, and it offers a wonderful opportunity both to provide for a modern,

21st-century, state-of-the-art transportation system, but also, as importantly, it offers the opportunity for Pennsylvania to be on the cutting edge of developing and deploying this technology and thereby capturing the manufacturing base associated with the production of this transportation system.

A lot of work has been done in preparation in western Pennsylvania with the nonprofit organization that we have formed, and they point to the need of \$75 million in order to fund and institute a precision technology, which is a technological base that we need to develop so that we can produce magnetic levitation trains here in the United States. This \$5-million State appropriation will be used to leverage a similar and larger amount of Federal money and private money as well.

In order to promote the development and deployment and the growth of manufacturing jobs in this field, I would urge a favorable vote. Thank you.

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

Mr. MIHALICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, embrace the idea of a MAGLEV train — I embrace the idea of the rocket ship that can take us to the moon, as similar 21st-century technology — but let me point out that we may not be at that point yet. I am a firm believer in high-speed rail, and I think there is a place for it, and I think we have to develop it. We are a little bit slow. We disbanded the High Speed Rail Commission, and I think this body might soon be taking that up again.

I might point out to the people who are advocating this technology that it might be a little longer road to hoe than they might assume. I have seen in the general press and in things that have crossed my desk that say that is a technology that has developed and is operating in Europe and in Japan. That is not true. They have made great strides in both of those countries. They do not have an operating railroad, a MAGLEV railroad, in either country. The German Bundestag recently shot down the plan for the first MAGLEV, which would have collected, I believe, Berlin and Cologne. It was shot down twice last year in the German Bundestag.

I do not think that we are at that point now. I think we have a lot of research to do. I think this State should re-create the High Speed Rail Commission, find out where it is going to go; sit down with our sister States who are similarly planning and find out where we want it to go or where it should go. To build that technology, as I have read in the general press, ultimately as a 300-mile-an-hour connection between downtown Pittsburgh and the airport, or more recently, a connection between a parking lot near the Civic Arena to a spot further downtown, does not make a lot of sense to me nor does it make a lot of sense to other people that I have talked to.

We have a long way to go on here, and I think we ought to do first things first. To start spending \$5 million on a project that we are not even close to realizing and not even close to getting a concept for in our State, I think, is premature. When that time comes, I will be the first one — I will try to be the first one to offer legislation to provide the kind of funding that this kind of effort will require, and it is going to be a heck of a lot more than \$5 million. If you remember, the last time this was taken up by the now defunct High Speed Rail Commission, the estimates were — and I will just round the figures off — that MAGLEV across

Pennsylvania would cost maybe \$9 billion — that is spelled with a “b” — and technology like the ICE train from Germany, the Intercity Express, or the French TGV across Pennsylvania — these are trains that go 180, 200 miles an hour — would cost about \$3 billion, spelled with a “b.”

So there are a lot of these decisions that have to be made. They have not been made yet. We have not formally begun to do any research. I think all of these things have to be done first, and on the basis of that, I have to respectfully disagree with my colleague that we are not at that stage now where we can invest \$5 million into something there is no hope of achieving or a success that there is no hope of achieving.

For that reason I urge a “no” vote on this. I think \$5 million would be much better spent in the previous amendment that I offered and was fortunate enough to get enough votes for. That was for community facilities to provide running water for our citizens in the rural districts or in the suburbs and in the small communities.

I see the shop clock is winding down, so let me conclude by saying that \$5 million could be much better spent in any number of ways that we heard discussed today. For that reason I say we have to oppose this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Kaiser.

Mr. KAISER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to just comment on this appropriation.

Recently the Allegheny County delegation had the MAGLEV people up at one of our recent—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order. There are three amendments to go.

I will give you extra time if it is necessary.

Please, let us provide order to the various speakers so that we can close down this evening as promptly as possible.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. KAISER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You have 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

Mr. KAISER. And counting.

Recently we had the MAGLEV people from Allegheny County come up and give a presentation to the Allegheny County Democratic delegation about the MAGLEV and what a good economic development tool it is. What happened, Mr. Speaker, is we started asking them questions on policy and exactly what type of technology they had, and I could not get a straight answer from them. They said that much of it was secret and they could not tell us, and at the same time, they are asking for a dedicated fund of \$23 million.

So as much as I favor MAGLEV, until I get some better answers provided by MAGLEV, Inc., I will not support them, and I ask that you do the same thing, because something happened that was not nice at the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Mayernik.

Mr. MAYERNIK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be a little more succinct, if I could, to the members.

We would ask for a negative vote from Allegheny County on this, because whenever these people came to lobby us, Representative Kaiser had asked them some questions, and instead of answering the questions, they became very arrogant, rude, demeaning, yelling and screaming at the members in our

delegation, when they wanted a dedicated funding of \$23 million. That is not the proper way to lobby.

I ask for a negative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Levdansky, for the second time.

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, very briefly, this is an idea to fund a transportation technology that is going to solve congestion and that is going to promote the growth of a dynamic manufacturing base in Pennsylvania.

Now, we can argue about how far in the future this is, but recognize the fact that Allegheny County commissioners voted to back 50 million dollars' worth of public bonds to make this a reality in Allegheny County. We can argue about whether or not it should run from Grant Street up to the Civic Arena or should it go out to the western part of the county, to the airport, or wherever else; or if you do not like the lobbyist because he did not sell the proposal right, do not kill the idea because you do not like the messenger. This is a good idea, and if we can invest literally hundreds of millions and billions of dollars in highway transportation infrastructure, we ought to at least look towards the future to promote a clean, efficient, wise transportation system like MAGLEV.

I appreciate your favorable support. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-75

Battisto	Daley	Levdansky	Roebuck
Bebko-Jones	DeLuca	Lucyk	Sainato
Belardi	Dermoddy	Manderino	Scrimenti
Belfanti	DeWeese	Markosek	Shaner
Bishop	Donatucci	McCall	Staback
Boscola	Evans	McGeehan	Steelman
Butkovitz	George	Michlovic	Stetler
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Cappabianca	Gordner	Oliver	Tangretti
Cam	Gruitza	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Itkin	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Jarolin	Petrarca	Trello
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Petrone	Trich
Colaella	Keller	Pippy	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Kirkland	Pistella	Veon
Corpora	LaGrotta	Ramos	Walko
Corrigan	Laughlin	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Cowell	Lederer	Rieger	Youngblood
Coy	Lescovitz	Roberts	

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Adolph	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Allen	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Armstrong	Fichter	Mayermik	Seyfert
Baker	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, B.
Bard	Flick	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Gannon	McNaughton	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Geist	Micozzie	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Mihalich	Steil
Birmelin	Godshall	Miller	Stern
Blaum	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
Boyes	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Brown	Haluska	Nailor	Surra

Browne	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Thomas
Caltagirone	Hasay	Perzel	True
Carone	Hennessey	Pettit	Tulli
Chadwick	Herman	Phillips	Vance
Civera	Hershey	Platts	Vitali
Clark	Hess	Preston	Washington
Clymer	Hutchinson	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Conti	James	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cornell	Kaiser	Robinson	Wilt
Curry	Kenney	Rohrer	Wogan
Dally	Krebs	Ross	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Yewcic
Dent	Leh	Santoni	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Sather	Zug
Druce	Lynch	Saylor	
Egolf	Maitland	Schroder	Ryan,
Fairchild	Major	Schuler	Speaker

NOT VOTING-4

Eachus	Horsey	Melio	Taylor, J.
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EXCUSED-2

Argall	Rooney
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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?

Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A0642:

Amend Bill, page 183, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

Section 1811. Prohibition on abolishment of State liquor system.—The sale, divestiture or privatization by any other means of the wholesale or retail liquor systems, or both, established under the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is hereby prohibited. The system for the wholesale and retail distribution and sale of liquor in this Commonwealth established under that act shall be retained and shall continue to be operated as provided for in that act, and all revenues derived therefrom shall be utilized as provided by this and other acts of the General Assembly.

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. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is fairly simple. It simply prohibits the sale of the State liquor store system in the State of Pennsylvania for this year.

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Perzel, is recognized.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it was mentioned earlier that we had the back transcripts of a lot of different debate from the House of Representatives, and this amendment kind of surprised me, Mr. Speaker, because it is blatantly unconstitutional.

There are opinions from four Attorneys General, dating back to the 1930's, that say what we are doing here with this amendment is wrong. You cannot use the budget to create new laws outside the appropriations. Part of the problem is, Mr. Speaker, that an amendment can pass here by less than 102 votes, which is a constitutional number required for a law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Article III, section 11, of the Constitution is clear, and Representative Barley, the Appropriations chairman, mentioned this a little bit earlier, and he explained the fact that you cannot do this with a budget bill.

Attorney General Schnader, in his Opinion No. 81, dating 1933-1934 — and forgive me, Mr. Speaker, because I am quoting Majority Leader Jim Manderino — ruled that language inserted in the budget that attempted to limit the power of the executive board was unconstitutional. Attorney General McBride, in Opinion No. 16 of 1957, ruled language inserted into the 1957 Appropriations Act — the budget — was unconstitutional; the language repealed a law that had been enacted in 1956. Attorney General Alpern, in Opinion No. 237 of 1961, ruled language on school subsidies — an important issue in this General Assembly — had been unconstitutionally inserted into the appropriations bill that year, Mr. Speaker. In 1978, Acting Attorney General Gornish, in Opinion No. 16, upheld this principle once again, Mr. Speaker. Time after time this principle has been found not to be constitutional by Attorneys General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker.

I am asking that the members of this General Assembly find this amendment unconstitutional. Thank you.

I would move that it is not constitutional, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, raises the point of order that amendment No. 0642 is unconstitutional.

Under rule 4, I am required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of an amendment to the House for a decision, which I now do.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, on this question.

Do you have anything further to add on it?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Sturla, on the question of constitutionality.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, rather than have this amendment have the possibility of being defeated on a technicality, I will withdraw the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A0643:

Amend Sec. 231, page 118, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 15,000,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 133, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,880,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 8,342,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 136, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,670,000

Amend Sec. 252, page 142, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,323,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of A0643, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is, again, a rather simple amendment. It increases the appropriation for the Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program from \$5 million to \$15 million. That is the amount of money that is necessary to fund this program on an ongoing basis. It takes money from surpluses in legislative accounts. I think given the fact that we do have excessive surpluses in those accounts, it would be rather egregious of us to say we are not going to spend that money and have people's homes foreclosed on in the State of Pennsylvania.

This will prevent foreclosures in the State of Pennsylvania, and I would urge your approval of this amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—119

Baker	Dermody	Lucyk	Santoni
Battisto	DeWeese	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Markosek	Shaner
Belardi	Eachus	Mayernik	Staback
Belfanti	Evans	McCall	Steelman
Bishop	Fairchild	McGeehan	Stetler
Blaum	Feese	Melio	Stevenson
Boscola	George	Michlovic	Sturla
Browne	Gigliotti	Mihalich	Surra
Butkovitz	Gordner	Mundy	Tangretti
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Habay	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Haluska	Olasz	Tigue
Carn	Hanna	Oliver	Travaglio
Casorio	Harhart	Orie	Trello
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trich

Cohen, M.	Horsey	Pesci	Tulli
Colafiglia	Itkin	Petrarca	Van Horne
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Corrigan	Kaiser	Pistella	Washington
Cowell	Keller	Preston	Williams, A. H.
Coy	Kirkland	Ramos	Williams, C.
Curry	LaGrotta	Readshaw	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Rieger	Wojnarowski
Dally	Lederer	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Robinson	Yewcic
Dempsey	Levdansky	Roebuck	Youngblood
Dent	Lloyd	Sainato	

NAYS-81

Adolph	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Alien	Fichter	Masland	Serafini
Armstrong	Fleagle	McGill	Seyfert
Bard	Flick	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Barley	Gannon	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Geist	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Miller	Stairs
Birmelin	Godshall	Nailor	Steil
Boyes	Gruppo	Nickol	Stern
Brown	Hasay	Pippy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Herman	Platts	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hershey	Raymond	True
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DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Druce	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Egolf	Major	Schuler	

NOT VOTING-1

Kenney

EXCUSED-2

Argall Rooney

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?

HOUSE SCHEDULE

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes this evening other than such that might be done as part of the ordinary housekeeping chores.

At this time, though, I am going to recognize the majority leader so that we might get a feel for tomorrow's schedule, and then I will recognize the two caucus chairmen, unless the Democratic floor leader wishes to be recognized.

The gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, we would like to ask that our members come to the caucus room tomorrow morning at 9:30, and we would ask that we be on the floor tomorrow promptly at 10 o'clock to start with packet No. 11.

In packet No. 10, a number of those amendments were already dealt with in the first 44 that we started off with earlier today, but the rest of the packets do not seem to have that luxury, Mr. Speaker. So we would like to start promptly at 10 to run the first amendment and run through those and then after that get to the nonpreferreds, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. I would like to interrogate the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Perzel, on schedule.

Will there be other votes besides the budget and the nonpreferreds tomorrow?

Mr. PERZEL. Yes, Mr. Speaker. We promised two of your members that we would run resolutions pursuant to rule 35.

Mr. DeWEESE. And nothing else?

Mr. PERZEL. That is all that is expected, unless we have the votes for the liquor stores tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DeWEESE. My 30-second response, not to that observation but to this process, would be, Mr. Speaker, that we have 90 days before June 30 at midnight when our budget deliberations are normally concluded. I would commend any legislative leadership team that would aspire to concluding a budget early — June 25, June 20, June 15. I think that this is a rush to judgment. I think that we have \$369 million in surpluses. I think that fourth-grade mathematicians could extrapolate correctly, and we will have almost \$500 million by midnight June 30. What we do with that money — hopefully give it back to our taxpayers or use it in lieu of a gas tax — is something that we should decide collectively and conclusively later in the spring or early in the summer.

So I could not relinquish the microphone at this time without at least indicating my chagrin at this process. The 21 years I have been in this Assembly, we have never been in a rush to judgment quite like this. It is not necessary that we do the budget at almost 1 o'clock in the morning, 3 months before the deadline, and I really think that the taxpayers of the State, citizens of our Commonwealth, deserve to know that we are going to have, including Rainy Day funds and Motor License funds and legislative slush funds, almost \$1 billion, \$1 billion in surpluses by midnight June 30.

So we will be here tomorrow at 9:30 in our caucus, according to Mr. Cohen, and we will be on the floor at 10-ish, and we will be ready to do business. But again, I lament the fact that literally 90 days before all these revenues are collected, hundreds of millions of dollars of extra revenues are collected, we are deciding a budget when in fact we might be able to give a lot of that money back to the taxpayers of our State.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I cannot help but remember, 2 years ago we were called a freight train or a metroliner, and about 2 weeks ago the minority leader stood on the floor of the House and said we were moving entirely too slow and now today we are moving entirely too fast.

Mr. Speaker, this is the people's house; we are doing the people's business. There were 2 weeks of budget hearings. Everyone was allowed to draft 280-some amendments. We are listening diligently to every single one of those ideas. A number of those ideas, I am positive, will be in the final product. But everyone has the input that they need for this budgetary process. They all have a copy of the Governor's budget book, which everyone was given one copy of, so they can read through it if they

want to look through it again, Mr. Speaker. They have had plenty of time to take a look at it.

Mr. DeWEESE. Well, while we have the microphone, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Will the gentleman submit to a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will. You may proceed.

Does the gentleman have any idea that he might enlighten us, so we can sleep on it — proverbially — as to what you are going to do with 300, 400, 500, 600, 700 million dollars in your surplus?

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, if I am correct, the Governor in his budgetary address gave us a figure that was about \$190 million. We just spent \$141 million more above that figure. That is approximately \$335 million — if my math is correct, and it might not be correct. But that is about \$335 million, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DeWEESE. And if we have \$700 million or \$800 million?

Mr. PERZEL. We do not have anything in writing that says we have that. I would hope that we do before we are done with this budgetary process, but I do not see anything that says that right now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DeWEESE. What about our legislative accounts?

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I understand that we have to do some of this for television. If you would like to lapse your legislative account, Mr. Speaker, just turn it over to the State Treasurer, I am sure she will be glad to accept it, and when you do yours, we will send ours over, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

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

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the State Government meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 10 o'clock in room 302 of the South Office Building is canceled due to the caucus tomorrow morning, and so I would ask all members of the State Government Committee not to be there in room 302.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 924, PN 1038

By Rep. REBER

An Act permitting distribution of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' topographic and geologic survey without registration of a copyright; and permitting copying and distribution of previously copyrighted publications of the survey.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 1020, PN 1125

By Rep. REBER

An Act providing for the removal of waste illegally deposited on or adjacent to State forests, for the closure of disposal sites, for the prevention of unauthorized waste disposal on State forests and for grant programs; and establishing the Forest Lands Beautification Restricted Account.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. FLICK

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Flick.

Mr. FLICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For those who are in the chamber and can hear my voice, the ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) members will be meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30 in room 14, East Wing — coffee and doughnuts — to discuss our plans and agenda for this coming session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Ms. Manderino.

Ms. MANDERINO. Correction of the record, Mr. Speaker.

On HB 847, amendment 0591, I was not recorded as voting. I wish the record to reflect I intended to vote "yes."

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 924 and HB 1020 be removed from the table.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 924 and HB 1020 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1069 By Representatives DeLUCA, MELIO, BELARDI, WALKO, FAIRCHILD, LaGROTTA, TRAVAGLIO, TRICH, YOUNGBLOOD, E. Z. TAYLOR, BLAUM, STABACK, MIHALICH, STEELMAN, McNAUGHTON, CASORIO, OLASZ, JOSEPHS, EACHUS, BOSCOLA and LUCYK

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further defining "personal care home."

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 1, 1997.

No. 1070 By Representatives DeWEESE, MELIO, CURRY, CARONE, OLIVER, BEBKO-JONES, COLAFELLA, WALKO, GEORGE, ROEBUCK, MANDERINO, CORRIGAN, CALTAGIRONE, M. COHEN, LAUGHLIN, TIGUE, BUXTON, STABACK, ROONEY, BELARDI, DALEY, PESCI, TRELLO, LUCYK, VAN HORNE, ITKIN, YOUNGBLOOD, McCALL, JOSEPHS, ROBINSON, SHANER, OLASZ, RAMOS, BATTISTO, TRICH, DeLUCA and LESCOVITZ

An Act providing for transportation subsidies for certain workers and for additional duties of the Department of Transportation; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Corpora.

Mr. CORPORA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A correction of the record.

With regard to HB 855, I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

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

Mr. CORPORA. Thank you.

BILLS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Does the Republican leader or Democratic floor leader have any further business? Any further corrections of the record?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Wilt, from Mercer County.

Mr. WILT. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at 10 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 12:41 a.m., e.s.t., April 2, 1997, the House adjourned.