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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

PRAYER

REV. D. WAYNE BENDER, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Paxton United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Good and gracious God, we pause in Your presence before we begin this session of the legislature to remember the calling of these legislators. Their calling is to serve the people they represent but also all of the people of this great Commonwealth. Their calling is to care about others more than about themselves or their reelections. Their calling is to do their very best for the betterment of all persons: rich and poor; rural and urban; Republican and Democrat; employed, underemployed, and unemployed; young and old.

Help each of them live according to their calling as Representatives and to be about their work to the best of their abilities. Help each of them to truly serve all the people of this great Commonwealth. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals for October 21, October 22, and October 27, 1997, have been printed and, without objection, will stand approved. The Chair hears no objection.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, March 9, 1998, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

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
March 9, 1998

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 16, 1998, 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, March 16, 1998, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair takes leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. GANNON, for the balance of the week. The Chair hears no objection. The leave is granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, who requests a leave for the lady, Ms. BEBKO-JONES; the gentleman, Mr. DALEY; and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. WILLIAMS. The Chair hears no objection to the requests for leaves, and the leaves will be granted.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House, as the guests of Representative Sheila Miller, the Wyomissing Area High School chorale group. The students are seated in the gallery. Would the students please wave to us so that we see who you are. The members are advised that this group will be performing at noon in the rotunda.

I would also like at this time to introduce to the House a guest of Representative Bard's from Abington Township in Montgomery County. Mary Kate Nyman, a junior at Bloomsburg University, is visiting today to learn something about the legislative process. Good luck on that, Mary Kate. Would she please rise.

Representative Teresa Brown has today as her guest Ted Cox of Titusville. He is visiting Harrisburg as a Penn Ambassador during Pennsylvania Charter Days. Would Ted please rise.

AMERICAN LEGION GUESTS INTRODUCED

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

Mr. EGOLF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With us today, as guests of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, are—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Mr. Egolf.

Mr. EGOLF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have some special guests. First, Mrs. Louise Chase, department commander of the Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion. Mrs. Chase is a World War II Navy veteran and was elected as the department commander at the conclusion of the 79th Convention on July 20 of 1997. It should also be noted that Mrs. Chase is the first female department commander of the Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion. She is with us over here at your left, Mr. Speaker.

With her today is Mr. Anthony G. Jordan, who is the current national commander of the American Legion. Anthony Jordan of Augusta, Maine, was elected national commander of the American Legion on September 4, 1997, at the close of the organization's 79th National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Jordan served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1965 and joined the nation's largest veterans organization in 1966. Mr. Jordan has served as chairman of the National Security Commission, chairman of the National Membership and Post Activities Committee, chairman of the Foreign Relations Council, member of the National Subcommittee on Committees, and liaison to the National Finance Commission. Mr. Jordan is a member of the Bradford-Sortwell-Wright American Legion Post No. 54 in Wiscasset, Maine, where he served 2 years as post commander. He served as a commander at the county and district levels and as commander of the American Legion Department of Maine, 1979 to 1980. Mr. Jordan was Maine's alternate member of the American Legion National Executive Committee, the Legion's board of directors, from 1980 to 1982. He served as a national executive committeeman from 1982 to 1990. Mr. Jordan recently retired from the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company after 26 years, and he and his wife, Claudette, have six grown children. Mr. Jordan is currently on a 50-State tour of all the American Legion State department headquarters as well as various American Legion posts across our nation.

Mr. Jordan, I would like to officially welcome you to Pennsylvania and to thank you for all that you and your organization do for our Commonwealth veterans. Thank you for being here.

Mr. Speaker, we have several other guests with us, who are in the back of the floor of the House, who are accompanying Commander Jordan and Commander Chase today. We have

Mr. Joseph Chase, past State commander and husband of Comdr. Louise Chase. We have Mr. Stanley W. Reinhard, Jr., who is actually up here at your left also, who is the State adjutant of the Pennsylvania American Legion, and he is here with his wife. We have the past national commander, Dominic DiFrancesco, and his wife at the back of the House here. We also have the alternate national executive committeeman, Alfred Pirolli. We have assistant State adjutant, Harvey E. Coleman, Jr., and with them, their photographer, Jamie Weaver. So we would like to welcome them also to the floor of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
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Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
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Brown	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
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Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Levdansky	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Lloyd	Rublely	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	

DiGirolamo Lynch Santoni Ryan,
Donatucci Maher Sather Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones Gannon Hershey Williams, A. H.
Daley

AMERICAN LEGION GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Mr. Egolf.

Mr. EGOLF. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

We have another member here, another guest I would like to introduce. We left her off the earlier list.

We have the State auxiliary president of the American Legion, Verla Mae Shultz, who is here with us, and she is at the back of the House. So I would like to welcome her here today also. Thank you.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is also pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Jen Brown, an 11th grade student at West York High School, and Grant Bubb, a 10th grade student at the Dover Area High School, here today as the guests of Representative Todd Platts. Would these guests please rise.

The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware. He represents a district in Delaware that adjoins that of Chris Ross from the Republican Caucus and is very close to my own district. He is a friend of mine — Roger P. Roy. He is cochairman of the Council of State Governments of the Eastern Regional Conference. He is from Wilmington, Delaware, seated here on the rostrum.

He is here today with Mr. Alan Sokolow, the executive director of the Council of State Governments of the Eastern Regional Conference. Alan, would you please stand up. Alan is all the way to the left.

CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

SB 1175, PN 1638.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 501, PN 2891**, entitled:

An Act creating the Statewide Committee for the Protection of Senior Citizens; and providing for powers and duties of the committee.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A0699**:

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 25, by striking out "ten" and inserting twelve

Amend Sec. 4, page 3, by inserting between lines 8 and 9
(8) Two district attorneys, to be appointed by the Governor.

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

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

Mr. **GEORGE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment simply adds additional appointees to the Statewide Committee for the Protection of Senior Citizens. It will add two district attorneys to the committee. Since county district attorneys, Mr. Speaker, have the responsibility to bring charges of abuse, they should be represented on this committee.

I would ask that if we care about senior citizens, we would adopt this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. **LYNCH**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have no strong feelings one way or the other on this amendment, and I would just ask the members to vote as they see fit. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Eachus	Major	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Manderino	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Mayernik	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	McCall	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	McGeehan	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McGill	Smith, B.
Belardi	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	George	McIlhinney	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Staback
Birmelin	Gladeck	Melio	Stairs
Bishop	Godshall	Michlovic	Steelman
Blaum	Gordner	Micozzie	Steil
Boscola	Gruitza	Miller	Stern
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Brown	Habay	Myers	Stevenson
Browne	Haluska	Nailor	Strittmatter
Bunt	Hanna	Nickol	Sturla
Butkovitz	Harhai	O'Brien	Surra
Buxton	Harhart	Olasz	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
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Clark	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Tulli
Clymer	James	Pistella	Vance

Cohen, L. I.	Jarolin	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Veon
Colafrella	Kaiser	Ramos	Vitali
Colaizzo	Keller	Raymond	Walko
Cornell	Kenney	Readshaw	Washington
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Corrigan	Krebs	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
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Dermody	Lloyd	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maitland		

NAYS-1

Carn

NOT VOTING-1

Taylor, E. Z.

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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. 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-198

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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 1985, PN 2569**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1988 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the Children's Trust Fund Act, adding a definition of "designee"; and providing for delegation of votes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A0701**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 6, by removing the period after "votes" and inserting

and for powers and duties of the Children's Trust Fund Board.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

Section 3. Section 5(6) of the act, amended March 30, 1994 (P.L.122, No.13), is amended to read:

Section 5. Powers and duties of board.

The board has the following powers and duties:

(6) Prepare and submit by May 1 each year an annual report [for] to the Governor and the General Assembly, including recommendations for legislative action and regulatory change when needed and appropriate.

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 10, by striking out "3" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment ?

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

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment requires the Department of Public Welfare to submit their annual report on the Children's Trust Fund to the General Assembly by May 1 of each year. In recent years, this report has not been submitted in a timely fashion, and this amendment would require the department to meet its statutory requirement.

I would urge that we would adopt this amendment.

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

Mrs. VANCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We do concur with the amendment. This only clarifies that the report must be submitted by May 1. Thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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. 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 ?

Mrs. Miller, on the bill, on final passage.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the sponsor of this legislation stand for a brief interrogation ?

The SPEAKER. The lady, Mrs. Vance, indicates she will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The question that I have on this legislation which intends to allow for members of the General Assembly to have designees represent them on the Children's Trust Fund Board is whether those designees will be official members of the legislative staff.

Mrs. VANCE. Yes; that is correct.

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

On the bill ?

The SPEAKER. The lady is recognized.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think this is an important piece of legislation, and I stand in support of it. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally ?

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

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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.

BILLS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. All of the bills on page 2 are over.
All of the bills on page 3 are over.
All of the bills on page 4 are over.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2194, PN 2890**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled, "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage; and specifying fees for certain services.

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

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

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Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
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Butkovitz	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carn	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
Carone	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Hess	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Horsey	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Hutchinson	Petrone	Trich
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Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Veon
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Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Levdansky	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermoddy	Lloyd	Rublely	Zug
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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 1075, PN 1221**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources, to convey to Jackson Township a road right-of-way situate in Jackson Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

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

Mr. **LLOYD** offered the following amendment No. **A0504**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 5, by removing the period after "Pennsylvania" and inserting

; and authorizing the Department of General Services to convey a tract of land located in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 8, by inserting before "The"

(a) Authorization.—

Amend Sec. 2, page 5, line 7, by striking out "Section 2." and inserting

(b) Improvement.—

Amend Sec. 3, page 5, line 13, by striking out "Section 3." and inserting

(c) Easements.—

Amend Sec. 4, page 5, line 20, by striking out "Section 4." and inserting

(d) Reverter.—

Amend Sec. 5, page 5, line 27, by striking out "Section 5." and inserting

(e) Forest lands.—

Amend Sec. 6, page 6, line 3, by striking out "Section 6." and inserting

(f) Execution.—

Amend Sec. 7, page 6, line 7, by striking out "Section 7." and inserting (g) Costs.—

Amend Sec. 7, page 6, line 7, by striking out "section 2" and inserting subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

Section 2. (a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to grant and convey, Somerset Christian Fellowship, the described tract of land in subsection (b) for fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal.

(b) Description.—Beginning at an existing iron pin/cap and on the jurisdictional division line between lands of the Somerset Christian Fellowship and lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thence along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Somerset Christian Fellowship the following courses and distances;

(1) South 65 degrees 43 minutes 09 seconds East, 403.22 feet to set iron pin/cap;

(2) North 39 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East, 238.77 feet to set iron pin/cap;

(3) South 22 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West, 32.30 feet to set iron pin/cap;

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(7) North 65 degrees 21 minutes 15 seconds West, 370.50 feet to set iron/pin cap;

(8) North 32 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 145.30 feet to set iron/pin cap;

Containing approximately .936 acres.

(c) Easement.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of telephone, telegraph, water, electric, sewer, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any interest, estates or tenancies vested in third persons, whether or not appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed.—The deed of conveyance shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(e) Costs.—The costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

Amend Sec. 8, page 6, line 10, by striking out "8" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, **Mr. Speaker**.

Mr. Speaker, in an effort to try to speed things up, this is the same land transfer amendment which we adopted yesterday. It would authorize the State Correctional Institution at Laurel Highlands to sell some land at fair market value to the Somerset Christian Fellowship for a church parking lot. I would like to try to attach it to the next two bills as well. Thank you, **Mr. Speaker**.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
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Butkowitz	Hanna	Nickol	Tangretti
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Clymer	James	Pistella	Van Home
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Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Vitali
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Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
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Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Donatucci	Maher	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

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EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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. 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?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gruitza.
Mr. GRUITZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, I note in this bill that under the language that is in the bill, this conveyance of this lane to the township—
The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.
Members will please take their seats. Members of staff not involved in this bill and other bills coming up will please leave the floor.

Mr. Gruitza.
Mr. GRUITZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I note that in this legislation the Commonwealth is going to be required to upgrade this road that is being conveyed under this bill, pave it and provide culverts or whatever else is necessary to bring this road up to standard before it is conveyed to the township.

It notes here that there is a fiscal note. However, I do not have it on my desk, and I am wondering if that is available, because I think that the membership here should know what costs are involved before we vote on this.

Okay. A fiscal note has been handed to me.
The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Zug, have a fiscal note?

Mr. ZUG. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would be happy to give the gentleman a copy. The cost is, I think, \$136,000.

Mr. GRUITZA. Could I ask the gentleman, have those improvements been made yet?

Mr. ZUG. No, Mr. Speaker, they have not.
Mr. GRUITZA. Just, Mr. Speaker, on the bill, briefly.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Gruitza.
Mr. GRUITZA. It is a little unusual for the Commonwealth, I think, to pick up these costs. Normally, these transfers are made and then the cards fall where they may, so the membership can determine whether or not they think this is a good deal or not for the State in making this conveyance. I intend to vote for the bill and help out our member here who is trying to resolve this problem. However, there are some costs associated with this that are not typical in these types of transfers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?
The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

YEAS-198

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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 **SB 1168, PN 1420**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Governor, to convey to Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Association, Inc., a certain tract of land situate in Henry Clay Township, Fayette County, in exchange for certain tracts of land.

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

Mr. **LLOYD** offered the following amendment No. **A0502**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 5, by removing the period after "land" and inserting

; and authorizing the Department of General Services to convey a tract of land located in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 8, by inserting after "1."

(a) Authorization and description.—

Amend Sec. 2, page 3, line 26, by striking out "Section 2." and inserting

(b) Exchange description.—

Amend Sec. 2, page 3, line 26, by striking out "section 1" and inserting

subsection (a)

Amend Sec. 3, page 10, line 2, by striking out "Section 3." and inserting

(c) Easements.—

Amend Sec. 3, page 10, line 2, by striking out "section 1" and inserting

subsection (a)

Amend Sec. 4, page 10, line 10, by striking out "Section 4." and inserting

(d) Execution.—

Amend Sec. 4, page 10, line 11, by striking out "section 1" and inserting

subsection (a)

Amend Sec. 5, page 10, line 14, by striking out "Section 5." and inserting

(e) Costs.—

Amend Bill, page 10, by inserting between lines 15 and 16

Section 2. (a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to grant and convey, Somerset Christian Fellowship, the described tract of land in subsection (b) for fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal.

(b) Description.—Beginning at an existing iron pin/cap and on the jurisdictional division line between lands of the Somerset Christian Fellowship and lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thence along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Somerset Christian Fellowship the following courses and distances;

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(6) South 20 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West, 145.67 feet to set iron pin/cap;

(7) North 65 degrees 21 minutes 15 seconds West, 370.50 feet to set iron pin/cap;

(8) North 32 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 145.30 feet to set iron pin/cap;

Containing approximately .936 acres.

(c) Easement.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of telephone, telegraph, water, electric, sewer,

gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any interest, estates or tenancies vested in third persons, whether or not appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed.—The deed of conveyance shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(e) Costs.—The costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

Amend Sec. 6, page 10, line 16, by striking out "6" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
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DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones Gannon Hershey Williams, A. H.
Daley

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. 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—197

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
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Dermody	Lloyd	Rubley	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Trello

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones Gannon Hershey Williams, A. H.
Daley

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

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

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Trello.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, on SB 1168 my switch malfunctioned. I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1204, PN 1535**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and convey to ORIX Wilkinson Neshaminy Venture certain land situate in Bensalem Township, Bucks County.

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

Mr. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. **A0503**:

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

; and authorizing the Department of General Services to convey a tract of land located in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "Section 1."

(a) Authorization.—

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 11, by striking out "Section 2" and inserting

subsection (b)

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, line 13, by striking out "Section 2." and inserting

(b) Description.—

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, line 13, by striking out "Section 1" and inserting

subsection (a)

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 17, by striking out "Section 3." and inserting

(c) Easements.—

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 24, by striking out "Section 4." and inserting

(d) Execution.—

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 7, by striking out "Section 5." and inserting

(e) Costs.—

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

Section 2. (a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to grant and convey, Somerset Christian Fellowship, the described tract of land in subsection (b) for fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal.

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(4) South 38 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West, 139.80 feet to set iron pin/cap;

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(c) Easement.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of telephone, telegraph, water, electric, sewer, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any interest, estates or tenancies vested in third persons, whether or not appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed.—The deed of conveyance shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(e) Costs.—The costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

Amend Sec. 6, page 3, line 9, by striking out "6" and inserting

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

The SPEAKER. This is the third of the Lloyd amendments.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
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Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Serafini

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

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

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The SPEAKER. HB 481 is over.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Page 7. HR 320 and HR 330 are over.

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Mr. PERZEL called up HR 357, PN 3023, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the House relating solely to amendments to and debate on the General Appropriation Bill and all nonpreferred appropriation bills, for the fiscal year 1998-1999, including amendments or supplementals to appropriations of prior fiscal years.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Itkin, do you desire recognition on this resolution ? Mr. Itkin, you are recognized.

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, as I understand, HR 357 is a resolution to adopt a special rule dealing with the budget. Let me say, Mr. Speaker, that I was only one of two members in the Rules Committee that voted not to move this special rule to the House floor. I come from that perspective—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Conferences on the floor will please break up. Members of staff who are not involved in the debate of this resolution will please be seated or leave the floor.

Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, has the resolution been distributed ? One of my colleagues on the House floor has asked that I make that observation.

The SPEAKER. It is my understanding that it has been. If there is anyone who does not have it—

I am told it is in the books.

Does anyone specifically need a copy ? Ms. Mundy.

Mr. Itkin.

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

As I was mentioning, I was one of only two members of the House Rules Committee that opposed moving this resolution to the floor for your consideration today. My principal opposition to the resolution is because it stifles the General Assembly, us as members of the House of Representatives, from fully using the revenues that will be collected by the State in order to fashion a State budget.

We know, you know and I know, that because of the strong national economy, this Commonwealth is rolling in dough.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The conferences in the vicinity of the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, will please cease. The members will please take their seats in the area of the speaker. It is distracting to the speaker — not this Speaker, to the member speaker, and this Speaker.

Mr. Itkin. I apologize.

Mr. ITKIN. Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the attention of the House today.

Anyone who is of knowledge who says that the State is not rolling in dough, does not have excessive revenues, is lying. We know that. We know that. We look at those revenue predictions and the revenue collections month to month and we know that large surpluses are accruing, yet this resolution does not address the total amount of revenue coming into Pennsylvania.

So where is this money that we know is accruing into the State Treasury and yet this resolution talks about balancing a budget and appropriating in one fashion or another all of the State revenue ?

Mr. Speaker, this hidden money, this hidden money that we are not addressing today, does not belong to us. It belongs to the people we represent; it belongs to the people of Pennsylvania, and if we are not going to use it, if we are not going to use it, we ought not to hoard it; we should give it back, and that is my strongest contention in opposition to this resolution. We must consider what the total revenues are going to be, accurately, responsibly, and then decide to give what we cannot use and do not need to use, give it back.

This resolution, in essence, denies the existence of hundreds of millions of dollars in surplus money. That is real money that is coming in today and tomorrow, and we are really just the keepers of those funds. It does not belong to us, because we are not able to appropriate it.

Year after year there is a general pattern emerging with the Ridge administration. The Governor lowballs the State's estimates, and then at the end, after we pass the State budget early this year, lo and behold, uncovered hundreds of millions of dollars in politically convenient surplus. What a wonderful thing that we found as we adopt the budget in April, and then come June 30 we have all of this additional money that just fell into our pockets.

Now, if you compare what we do in Pennsylvania with what other States do, they return those surpluses in the form of tax cuts and highway repairs as one instance of how to spend additional excess revenue. Not Pennsylvania, however. Pennsylvania hoards its surplus, and we have now, as you know, building up this huge amount of money in this Rainy Day Fund, this huge amount of money in the tax reconciliation accounts that we do not need to.

The last time I checked, it was told that diverting public money for anything other than its intended purpose was called embezzling. Obviously, I do not believe that any one of us are embezzlers, but this resolution puts us uncomfortably close to that definition.

So let us conveniently do the math — a potential half-a-billion-dollar surplus, \$50 million in the Rainy Day Fund, and the suggestion that all we have is a \$132-million overage that is to be appropriated by this resolution, and what that does is to leave, if my math is correct, \$318 million in taxpayer dollars that is not returned to the taxpayers; \$318 million that is hidden from public view, unaccounted for in this resolution.

Pennsylvania's middle class, the vast majority of the 12 million people that we 203 represent, deserves a rebate. They do not get a Pennsylvania income tax cut this year; they do not get a business tax cut this year, and interestingly, they do not even get a refund on their overpaid taxes, and we could do it easily with property tax cuts. And who is looking out for the interests of Pennsylvania's

working families? Not this administration. And if we pass this resolution—

The SPEAKER. Will the members take their seats; will the members please take their seats. The conferences in the corner of the hall, please break up.

Mr. Itkin.

Mr. ITKIN. Thank you.

Apparently, if we pass this resolution, then it gives the appearance that this House is not interested in Pennsylvania's working families. This resolution does not move us toward property tax cuts, which is on the minds of most of the members of this General Assembly, and it perpetuates an unconscionable surplus, which has been taken, unreasonably taken, from our taxpayers.

I believe that we should do a meaningful budget process, considering all of the revenues that are projected to this State's Treasury, to return those moneys that we do not need in developing an adequate State budget. I would personally — and I hope you do — want to return those moneys to their rightful owners, the people of Pennsylvania, and we can only start that process if we are willing to accept that there is a huge surplus, and so we can make the right determination with respect to any type of tax relief, perhaps it should be, in my judgment, property tax relief.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we not support this resolution and change the dollar amount so that we can take advantage of giving the people of Pennsylvania some consideration to their tax overburden.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Cowell, desire recognition? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Itkin is correct. This resolution, this proposed rule, this year is a bad deal for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. This is a year when we ought to be trying to solve some problems. The State has an enormous surplus that is growing every week, and we ought to take advantage of that surplus, of this opportunity to solve some problems of Pennsylvania, particularly problems affecting local taxpayers throughout the Commonwealth.

We are into this hurry-up mode, this hurry-up schedule to pass a budget, in part because we want to look good. We want to look like we can move the process along expeditiously, but part of the agenda is we do not want the taxpayers of the State and even some members of the General Assembly to understand truly how large the surplus will be this year. And if we do all of this now rather than waiting a few weeks, we can embrace a far too conservative figure.

This proposed rule artificially assumes that we have \$260 million to neatly divide between the two caucuses. The way this rule is constructed, as a practical matter, there can be no consideration of any substantial amendment that would significantly reduce property taxes all over this State, school property taxes in particular. As sure as we are sitting here today, 2 or 3 weeks from now we will hear the Speaker rule amendments out of order, amendments that would reduce property taxes, amendments that would have the State pay a more fair share of school bills so that local school taxes could be reduced, the Speaker will rule those amendments out of order because of this proposed rule that we would adopt today.

Mr. Speaker, usually, or let me say often at least, this kind of rule makes sense when we have a long list of new, big, costly spending proposals, but this year the real debate is about how we can return some of this big surplus to local taxpayers. The real debate on the minds of many Republican and Democratic members and taxpayers all over the State is how the State is going to end this practice of accumulating these large surpluses that make us look good while we are causing local property taxes to go up in school districts all over the State. This is the year when we ought to have the State pay a more fair share of the cost of special education in particular and basic education generally, and we can do that by returning more of the surplus to school districts and to local school district taxpayers throughout the Commonwealth, but we will not have the opportunity to do that; we will not have the opportunity to consider those amendments if we pass this change in the rules today.

Those who support this today will be voting to close the door on any opportunity to substantially reduce school property taxes across the State. We ought not to do that; we ought not to close the door. We ought to at least fashion a rule that will allow those kinds of amendments to use the big surplus, to use all of it or most of it to reduce school property taxes throughout this State, and we can fashion a rule that would permit that. This rule does not do it; this proposed change does not do it. This proposed change in the rule, a temporary change, which admittedly is like some that we have employed in past years, this year will have the effect of making sure that the State surplus grows while we fail to have the State pay a fair share of the cost of public education in this State. The State surplus will grow while local property taxes continue to grow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we take advantage of the opportunity this year to solve a problem, to solve a problem of high school property taxes, a problem that exists because for the last several years the State has been accumulating a surplus while not sending a fair share of dollars back to our school districts. We look good in Harrisburg we think, while we are socking it to our local school districts and our local school district taxpayers. Let us begin to solve that problem. Let us not close the door on an opportunity to solve that problem.

Let us defeat this proposed rules change.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. George. Did you desire recognition on this point?

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will not be long.

Mr. Speaker, I noticed that when the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, first started his presentation, he made us aware that there were two individuals that had voted "no" in the Rules Committee. He insisted that he was one, and I am most certain that I was the second.

Now, when I went over to the majority leader and asked him how the vote had gone, he said, and if I can quote him, "Well, I voted 'yes' and you voted 'no.'" And I guess he is very happy that he voted "yes," and honestly, I concern myself that there were only two noes in that, as a minority party, we should be more inclined and more reserved in attempting to do what is right. And, Mr. Speaker, you more than I know that the majority will have their way, but as the minority, we ought to have our say.

Now, I do not know how much money, Mr. Speaker, is in the budget. I do not know how much of a surplus there is. I do not even know if the Governor knows because constantly they deny the amount that is listed in the papers. All I can say is, Mr. Speaker, none of us come down here and bring it all back home, but the important thing, Mr. Speaker, is that we speak to each other in the manner in which those back home would appreciate and expect us to.

Mr. Speaker, you know already that I am not going to vote for this even though I was honorable enough to vote for the suspension, but the truth of the matter is, only when there is an alternative is there a fairness in what we do and what we deliberate.

Again, we will go through a year when we are expected in our guises whether it be to find moneys for 54 schools that will be destitute in a couple of months or whether we want programs that we know are worthwhile. The only way we will get them after the amendments are used up and called for by the Speaker, those of us that are left in the rear will have to offset, and so what we will do, Mr. Speaker, is we will be asked, in order for us to provide the proper amendment for those things that we know are needed in your district and mine, is that we have to offset something you or your district want or something that I or my district wants. I think it is wrong. Hopefully, things this bad will not last forever. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Sturla? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the morning I had a meeting with my local school officials and there were other school officials from the entire intermediate unit, and my school officials were asking me whether in fact in this year's budget, given the surplus that we had, whether we were going to solve the problems of special education among the other myriad of problems that the school districts face right now. And I said, well, I am not sure; my sense is that they will be squirreling money away in the Rainy Day Fund instead, and the school official looked at me and he said, tell them it is raining in Lancaster.

My Republican school officials in Lancaster need help. My Republican mayor has put on hold a police station because we do not have the local dollars to do it, and we are sitting on hundreds of millions of dollars in the State. We are not building police stations; we are not funding special education; we are not doing the business of the people of Pennsylvania when we hoard these dollars.

I would urge a "no" vote on this resolution and allow us to free up some of the funds that we are currently hoarding. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Olasz, you desire recognition?

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

I hope you would rest your jaws for a moment and give some serious consideration to what I am going to say and then think about it, think about it very thoroughly.

This is no joke; this is for real. I come from a town — and I am repeating myself for many, many times in this chamber — my hometown was once the home of the largest steel mill in the country, in the world. There was not a warship afloat up until the Vietnam War where the armor plate did not come out of U.S. Steel Homestead Works. Their position today is felt by six other school districts in western Pennsylvania. They are distressed because the

industries are gone. There are no buildings out there anymore, and I challenge the Governor to come out there and show me where these 250,000 jobs are because we do not even have buildings in western Pennsylvania to put people to work anymore.

There is a huge surplus out there. We talk about, let us not waste the mind; it is a valuable thing. Well, if you do not permit us to put money into those distressed school districts — they have met with the Secretary of Education; they have pleaded for help out there — and if we do not give them help, then do you know where they are going? They are going to declare bankruptcy, and it is a shame and a disgrace that a Commonwealth, with its cash drawers bulging and the dollars overflowing, that we cannot aid these distressed school districts.

You take a look at those children. Is building jails the answer? Maybe that is what you want, is build jails. My thought is, build an education; give them the necessary money to get out of the desperate straits they are in.

You think about it and vote properly, and vote your conscience. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Colafella.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose HR 357.

What this resolution simply means is that the surplus that we have, over \$700 million, will not be used to solve problems and to help people in Pennsylvania. Quite frankly, I thought that is why we were sent here, to represent the people and do the best we can so that we can help them live a good life.

This resolution is a signal to us and it should be a signal to all the people in Pennsylvania that we do not want to do anything about special education. Just let the schools keep eating these costs and let property taxes just keep increasing and we do not really care. We just do not want to spend the surplus, and that is the tax money that they have sent to us.

We do not want to do anything about higher education tuition. We do not want to give any more moneys to our colleges and universities because we want to hoard our money, and why, I do not know, and we do not want to do anything about reducing the personal income tax in this State.

I think if you vote for this resolution today, I think you are saying to the people of Pennsylvania you do not want to do anything about solving any of these problems; you just want to save this money and save this money and just let people fend for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to vote against this resolution.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Jarolin, desire recognition?

Mr. JAROLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on this particular resolution, it is going to keep us from trying to put any amendments into that piece of legislation.

Nanticoke City, my hometown, had a population of 25,000 people. Today it is down to 11,500. The school district is almost \$2 million in the hole. The millage for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District, I believe, is 212 mills. The city of Nanticoke is \$1½ million in the hole. They just bargained with a big loan to pay that back, and that is the third loan they have got coming.

Our base in Nanticoke is a senior citizen population, which turns around, I would say, in the vicinity of about a 30-percent problem. Those people have got to be taken care of. We have got three senior citizen highrises, not telling you how many more

people are out in their own private homes that are over the age of 65, which is extremely difficult for those people that pay their taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I beg the legislators to vote against this resolution. Thank you.

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

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, about a month ago a number of Representatives, five or six of us from western Pennsylvania, met with eight superintendents of the school districts back in western Pennsylvania, and the topic was the Midland School District. I do not know if you are familiar with the Midland School District, but the entire school district is being transported to East Liverpool, Ohio, under a voucher program to go to school because they have no money to keep their school open. On several occasions they tried to merge with rather affluent school districts but were turned down; they did not want them.

Now, I think that is a travesty that Pennsylvania kids have to be transported to Ohio to get their basic education. There were 12 superintendents there, and each and every one of them are having difficulty. Some of them are having difficulty adding additions to their school; they are using a trailer for a classroom because they do not have the money to expand their school district. These are all school districts that have lost their tax base over the years — the devastation of the steel industry — and I do not really think it is fair that we have a surplus and our amendments have to be revenue-neutral. That simply means you are going to have to take away from somebody else to give to someone, and I do not really think that is fair.

I think we should take a long, hard look at what we are trying to do here today and consider the problems that we are having in our school districts. The most serious problem we are having is the fact that the lack of funding for these school districts is causing an increase in local real estate taxes. My district is about 54 percent 65 years and older living on a fixed income, and that is a terrible travesty for those senior citizens to pay increased taxes.

Since we have this surplus, why do we not take a long, hard look at everything and see if we can solve just some of the problems without having our amendment be revenue-neutral, and I would urge this body to do just exactly that.

I am going to have to vote "no" on this because of the problems I have, not only in my district but my adjoining districts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I have been listening to some of my colleagues, and I have been here 18 years, and we have complained about not being involved in the process on both sides of the aisle, and we have complained, when we do not open up the process, we are doing it in some backroom, that there is some group of legislators, which are the ones that you elect, sitting in some backroom making the decisions.

For the last couple years that I have been chairman, since 1990, and even when the time that I was chairman, I have tried to encourage an openness of the process, and that is not to say that all of you or any of you individually will agree with that opening of the process. This is just the beginning of the process. This is just a rule that will set up a guideline; no more different than what we did last year. We set up a guideline, we set up a framework, and the members had the opportunity to offer amendments within a parameter of the dollars that were available.

Now, I understand that some members are subjective about the dollars that are available, and that is understandable, but we need to begin this process, and it begins with the acceptance of this particular rule. Once this rule is accepted, Mr. Speaker, then it goes from this rule to the Appropriations Committee; they will vote it out of committee. Members have an opportunity, on both sides of the aisle, to offer their amendments. If they want to change something that they offer, then they try to do a suspension of the rules. They then try to convince a certain amount of the members to agree with the suspension of the rules.

Now, this is a part of the process. Most of us, all of us, have been around here, except for a few of the members who have been elected, long enough to know that, yes, it is nice to play the little games, but the fact of the matter is that this is the beginning of the process; it is not the end.

Some members have asked, well, Dwight, do you have some kind of guarantee from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle? No, I do not have any type of guarantee from the members on that side of the aisle. The only thing I have asked, as the Democratic chairman on this side of the aisle, that the members on that side of the aisle, who are in the majority, that they be fair to our members. Now, it is all subjective in terms of what people mean by fairness, but the fact of the matter is, we need to begin this process and we need to begin this process now by accepting this rule.

So, Mr. Speaker, I stand to say that I am supporting this resolution. I supported it last year; I am supporting it this year. I hope, Mr. Speaker, that this can be something that is bipartisan; it is not something that it is the Republicans or the Democrats, but that we move in this process, move this process along, accept this rule, accept this rule, and then begin the debate about the budget in terms of the direction of Pennsylvania. There is no question that I have some differences with this budget. I do not agree with everything that is in this budget. I do not agree with every recommendation that this Governor has made, but I do, Mr. Speaker, agree that we should set up some guidelines, and this rule is no more than a guideline so we can begin that process.

I would ask all members to consider voting "yes" on this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Maher.

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, I have been listening intently to all of the discussion about the supposed surplus, and I am concerned. I am very concerned that my colleagues across the aisle are confusing the public, as unlikely as that might be and as unintended as it might be.

The fact of the matter is that the surplus that is being discussed for last year amounted to less than 3 percent of the entire budget. For this year it amounts to less than 1 percent of the entire budget. In both cases, I think what we have is a demonstration that this administration and this legislature has done an awfully good job of being financial stewards. Being 1 percent in the black, being 3 percent in the black, is hardly hoarding surpluses, but more importantly, Mr. Speaker, if we can continue this stewardship, we may have an opportunity to start retiring Pennsylvania's debt.

With all this discussion of surpluses, there has been very little attention to the \$10 billion, roughly, which Pennsylvania has accumulated in debt over the years, and with good luck and good stewardship and 20 years of these surpluses, we might be able to

in fact retire that debt, and I think that is an important consideration as we look forward.

So a resolution which inspires us making choices, just as the families in our districts have to make choices to live within their means, is certainly one which I will support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Walko.

Mr. WALKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to clarify, Mr. Speaker, for the people of Pennsylvania. Yes, these percentages might be small; 4 percent is a small percentage number. But last year, Mr. Speaker, we had a \$700-million budget surplus. Now, that is a big number. That can do a lot of good for a lot of people in Pennsylvania. How many property-tax payers do you know in your district who cannot afford to keep their homes? A lot of people are stressed in Pennsylvania, and if \$700 million is only 3 percent, I do not care; \$700 million is a lot of money, and this year we are looking at perhaps \$400 million. I do not care if that is .00001 percent; \$400 million is a lot of dollars. It could do a lot of good.

I do not think we should rush into this. There are a lot of needs out there in Pennsylvania. There are a lot of burdens that should be relieved. What is the rush? Let us wait, determine what the surplus is, and then use it for the benefit of the people of Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank both the Appropriations chairmen, Representative Evans and Representative Barley, for the last 2 weeks of budget negotiations and hearings that have been going on, and it has been a very, very good process, Mr. Speaker.

This is not a hurry-up. The Governor gave us his budget a month ago. It is the Governor's budget as he gave it to the General Assembly that has been put in.

We will be— One of the things we were trying to do is make sure that once we pass the resolution today, every member has 3 days to draft up the amendments to the budget document itself. If you want to cut taxes, you can cut taxes; if you want to cut spending, you can cut spending; if you want to put more money into the schools, you can put more money into the schools. This is, as Representative Evans said, only the beginning of the appropriations process.

We are only asking the members to vote "yes" on this resolution so that we can have some parameters, Mr. Speaker. I would urge a "yes" vote by the membership.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-145

Adolph	Druce	Marsico	Schroder
Allen	Egolf	Masland	Schuler
Argall	Evans	McCall	Semmel
Armstrong	Fairchild	McGeehan	Serafini
Baker	Fargo	McGill	Seyfert
Bard	Feese	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Barley	Fichter	McIlhinney	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Fleagle	McNaughton	Snyder, D. W.

Battisto	Flick	Melio	Staback
Belardi	Geist	Micozzie	Stairs
Belfanti	Gigliotti	Miller	Steil
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Mundy	Stern
Birmelin	Godshall	Nailor	Stetler
Boscola	Gordner	Nickol	Stevenson
Boyes	Gruitza	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Brown	Gruppo	Oliver	Tangretti
Browne	Habay	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Harhart	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Butkovitz	Hasay	Petrarca	Thomas
Buxton	Hennessey	Petrone	Trich
Carone	Herman	Phillips	True
Cawley	Hess	Pippy	Tulli
Chadwick	Hutchinson	Pistella	Vance
Civera	Jadlowiec	Platts	Van Home
Clark	Kaiser	Preston	Veon
Clymer	Keller	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Cornell	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lynch	Ross	Zug
Dent	Maher	Rublely	
DeWeese	Maitland	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Major	Sather	Speaker
Donatucci	Manderino	Saylor	

NAYS-52

Bishop	Eachus	Levdansky	Santoni
Blaum	George	Lloyd	Scrimenti
Caltagirone	Haluska	Lucyk	Shaner
Cappabianca	Hanna	Markosek	Steelman
Carn	Harhai	Mayernik	Sturla
Casorio	Horsey	Michlovic	Surra
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Myers	Tigue
Colafella	James	Olasz	Travaglio
Colaizzo	Jarolin	Pesci	Trello
Corpora	Josephs	Ramos	Vitali
Cowell	Kirkland	Readshaw	Walko
Curry	Laughlin	Rieger	Washington
Dermody	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Wojnaroski

NOT VOTING-1

Youngblood

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
Daley			

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

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RESOLUTION PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. HR 60 is over.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MASLAND called up HR 348, PN 2992, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 225th anniversary of Dickinson College.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The SPEAKER. Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. I rise for unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. George, right now I have a resolution on the board. Is it all right if I recognize you after I take two more resolutions, this and one more ?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Roebuck

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones Daley	Gannon	Hershey	Williams, A. H.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. PERZEL called up HR 349, PN 2995, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and congratulating Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., on the celebration of its 20th anniversary.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Argall	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.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Staback
Bishop	Gladeck	Melio	Stairs
Blaum	Godshall	Michlovic	Steelman
Boscola	Gordner	Micozzie	Steil
Boyes	Gruitza	Miller	Stern
Brown	Gruppo	Mundy	Stetler
Browne	Habay	Myers	Stevenson
Bunt	Haluska	Nailor	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Hanna	Nickol	Sturla
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hennessey	Orie	Taylor, J.
Carone	Herman	Perzel	Thomas
Casorio	Hess	Pesci	Tigue
Cawley	Horsey	Petrarca	Travaglio
Chadwick	Hutchinson	Petrone	Trillo
Civera	Itkin	Phillips	Trich
Clark	Jadlowiec	Pippy	True
Clymer	James	Pistella	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Jarolin	Platts	Vance
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Van Home
Colafella	Kaiser	Ramos	Veon
Colaizzo	Keller	Raymond	Vitali
Cornell	Kenney	Readshaw	Walko
Corpora	Kirkland	Reber	Washington
Corrigan	Krebs	Reinard	Waugh
Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Williams, C.
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Wilt
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Wogan
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yewcic
Dent	Levdansky	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Lloyd	Rubley	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	Ryan,
			Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones
Daley

Gannon

Hershey

Williams, A. H.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. GEORGE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. George, seeks unanimous consent to address the House. The Chair hears no objections.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe what I am about to say needs to be said, and I thank you for the opportunity for unanimous consent.

Honestly, Mr. Speaker, my original intent was to have a House resolution, a condolence resolution drafted, but I felt that a few remarks on the House floor may be more effective.

I would like to be the first to pass my condolence to the Governor, Tom Ridge, on the recently published statistics that show Pennsylvania has achieved a dubious new distinction. For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania has accepted more out-of-State waste into our landfills—

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman come to the rostrum; both gentlemen come to the rostrum.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, before I come to your rostrum, because I respect you like no other man in this House, I am going to say to you that you have watched me for 24 years and you have seen me every day. I have only missed 1 day in 24 years, and I have been honorable. I have not been partisan, because I get elected back home by Republicans. Well, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, tell those Republicans that I get more Republican votes sometimes than they do.

Now, let us do this right, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to fight with you. I have got too much respect for you.

The SPEAKER. Mr. George, come up and visit with me.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I also thank the majority leader for his indulgence. Even at times he can be wrong, Mr. Speaker; not often, but when he is, he is darn wrong.

The SPEAKER. You are getting close to making that same mistake. Why do you not make your speech.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, before I was interrupted by the gentleman, I was simply trying to make a point. I do not know who you would blame it on when trash is coming into the State as it is. You could not blame it on us, especially those of us that have tried to stop it. I do not want to criticize the Governor per se, but he is the chief administrator.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in history, as I said, the Commonwealth has accepted more out-of-State waste into our landfills than what we have produced inside of our own borders. The responsible citizens of this Commonwealth have recycled 26 percent of the waste we generated in 1996. As a result, we sent only 6.7 million tons to landfills across the State. In contrast, we opened our doors and imported 7 million tons of trash from our neighbors. Our DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has allowed, projected that number will grow to 8.5 million tons when the 1997 data is tabulated.

I feel it is important to note that after all of the bells and whistles and proclamations and executive orders from the Ridge administration on this issue, one fact has remained abundantly clear: Sadly and tragically, Pennsylvania is still the nation's dumping ground.

And, Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, you will never see the day that I will walk out while one of them is talking, and I would say to you, if that is the way you do business, then somebody is not being represented properly.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Fargo.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just remind the Republican members that we will have caucus tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. FAIRCHILD

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Fairchild.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a HR 187 caucus meeting directly following the adjournment in the rear of the House. Thank you.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Flick.

Mr. FLICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, which was called for tomorrow at the adjournment of session, has been rescheduled and will take place in room 302 of the South Office Building tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. We will be discussing HR 352 with a probable vote, and we will be discussing amendment A802 to HB 1800 with a vote on the amendment but not on the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Bunt.

Mr. BUNT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the call of the recess by the Speaker, I would like to call a meeting immediately in the rear of the House. Thank you; the House Ag Committee.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. COY

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Unanimous consent to make a statement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may begin.

Mr. COY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank, candidly, the Chair and whoever else sought to make an accommodation to allow Representative George to speak. I think it was the right decision.

I for some time have advocated a change in the rules of the House to provide for a time for, as our brethren in the Congress of the United States have, petitions or remonstrances. I know that at times when I listen to that time when the Congress spends, there are often things said that I do not agree with, that I would rather not hear, but candidly, there needs to be a time when members have the opportunity, whether they are in the majority or the minority, to address the House and the people of Pennsylvania on matters that they feel to be important.

I am going to draft a rules change and recommend — and I will send it to the Chair — and recommend that the Speaker look at it carefully, because I believe there needs to be a set time during each day's session when members have the opportunity to make remarks. It may be an issue — and we do it from time to time — of importance in our home district that we feel needs to be called to the attention of the whole House. Whatever the issue, I think that every elected member of this House of Representatives needs to have that opportunity, and when they do not, the 55,000 or 60,000 people that they represent are disenfranchised and this body is cheapened by it.

So I thank the Chair for helping with the accommodation, and I look forward to the opportunity when members can continue to address matters that they believe to be important either for their district or for statewide policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Mr. Pistella.

Mr. PISTELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of correcting the record, if it would be appropriate at this time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on amendment A0503, offered by Representative Lloyd to SB 1204, I was unable to get my vote recorded prior to the tally recorded at the Speaker's request. I wish to be recorded in the affirmative. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. COHEN**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Two announcements. First, on behalf of Mr. Veon, the Policy Committee will meet immediately upon the recess.

Secondly, tomorrow there will be a Democratic caucus at 10 a.m., at 10 a.m. tomorrow, to go over the Tax Code bill that we will be discussing tomorrow and the various amendments that will be filed to it.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Ms. Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise at this occasion to correct the record.

I was reported as not voting on HR 357. I would like to be reported in the affirmative. Thank you.

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

Any further announcements, corrections of the record?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Just one question, Mr. Speaker.

I am under the impression from conversations you and I have had that the last day of session, the last half hour or so was informally agreed to for the use that Representative Coy from Franklin County had alluded to in his remarks a few moments ago, and although it certainly is not consequential as to when the specific time is, my recollection was that there was an informal agreement several weeks ago—

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese, the recollection of my staff, whose recollection is far sharper than my own, is that you and Mr. Perzel were to get together and make a recommendation to the Speaker.

Mr. DeWEESE. Our recollections are different, but nevertheless, I will—

The SPEAKER. That does not mean we cannot talk about it again and get some fresh recollections.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to introduce today the following students from Newport High School, who are serving as guest pages for Representative Egolf: Mandi Keller and Adam Britcher. Would these guests please rise.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

HB 2085, PN 2734

By Rep. CLARK

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for advance directives for emergency medical service health care.

JUDICIARY.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 1528, PN 3028 (Amended) By Rep. CLARK

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

JUDICIARY.

HB 2224, PN 2934 By Rep. CLARK

An Act amending the act of February 27, 1847 (P.L.172, No.131), entitled "An act requiring the inspectors of prisons, sheriffs, prothonotaries and clerks of criminal courts and others, to make annual returns to the secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes," further providing for duty of counties to file certain reports.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2225, PN 2935 By Rep. CLARK

An Act repealing the act of April 17, 1869 (P.L.74, No.50), entitled, "An act to provide a mode of inquiring into the origin of fires."

JUDICIARY.

HB 2226, PN 2936 By Rep. CLARK

An Act repealing the act of May 11, 1897 (P.L.49, No.41), entitled "An act relating to appointment of Prison Commissioners in counties of the Commonwealth having over one hundred and fifty thousand population."

JUDICIARY.

HB 2227, PN 2937 By Rep. CLARK

An Act amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, repealing penalties.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2275, PN 3005 By Rep. CLARK

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

JUDICIARY.

SB 253, PN 254 By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No.84), entitled Sunshine Act, defining "political subdivision."

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 254, PN 1160

By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No.84), entitled Sunshine Act, further providing for attorney fees.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 769, PN 825

By Rep. CLARK

An Act amending the act of October 11, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1066, No.23), entitled Model Expedited Eviction of Drug Traffickers Act, adding the definition of "court"; and making an editorial change.

JUDICIARY.

SB 1184, PN 1450

By Rep. CLYMER

An Act designating December 15 of each year as "Bill of Rights Day."

STATE GOVERNMENT.

The SPEAKER. Does the majority leader or minority leader have any further business? Do the committee chairmen have any announcements?

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

**DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED
ON HB 238**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its prior announcement that HB 238, PN 3019, is over for the day.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 238, PN 3019**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further defining the term "compensation" to include severance pay with exclusions; and adding definitions relating to severance pay.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 238, PN 3019, be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

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 majority leader or minority leader have any further business? Committee chairmen, other members? Corrections of the record?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Harhai.

Mr. HARHAI. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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