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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. DR. JAMES W. GRUBB, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Creator God, we have enjoyed the beauty of Pennsylvania in this fall season of nature. It is as if You assumed the role of skillful artist and chose our Commonwealth as Your canvas to paint of us a beautiful landscape with colors that brought pleasure and inspired us. Thank You for Your wonderful handiwork which enriches our lives and reminds us of Your providential care.

As we begin our work as the House of Representatives for the month of November, make of us worthy and effective stewards of the task before us. May our labors reflect the same kind of care and purpose, inspiration and beauty with which You have graced us in this season. Indeed, make us cocreators with You in bringing good to our people through legislation which protects and enhances our life together.

As we begin now this session of our House of Representatives, we acknowledge You, God of many names, yet one God who creates and sustains us in all good things. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, October 13, 1998, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2897 By Representatives ROSS, ARMSTRONG, BARD, BELARDI, CLYMER, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FLICK, FORCIER, HERSHEY, LEH,

MAITLAND, PISTELLA, PLATTS, ROHRER, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SEYFERT, STEIL, STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, WAUGH, WILT and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for school district options.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, October 14, 1998.

No. 2898 By Representatives ROONEY, THOMAS, EGOLF, STABACK, EVANS, CORPORA, ROBINSON, C. WILLIAMS, KIRKLAND, WAUGH, OLASZ and HORSEY

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 20, 1998.

No. 2899 By Representatives BOSCOLA, CORPORA, BARD, ADOLPH, READSHAW, KAISER, WOJNAROSKI, YEWIC, BELARDI, LEDERER, THOMAS, SHANER, ROBERTS, LAUGHLIN, JOSEPHS, OLASZ, BARRAR, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHAI, STABACK, SERAFINI, HENNESSEY, CAWLEY, COY, C. WILLIAMS and DeLUCA

An Act allowing senior citizens to claim an exemption from tax increases as to certain real property.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 20, 1998.

No. 2900 By Representatives MARSICO, BARRAR, THOMAS, STABACK, PETTIT, BUXTON, MIHALICH, FLICK, PLATTS, PETRONE, NAILOR, PISTELLA, YOUNGBLOOD and CAWLEY

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 a public hearing prior to closing school.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 20, 1998.

No. 2901 By Representatives PIPPY, TRELLO, MARSICO, ORIE, HABAY, LAUGHLIN, STEVENSON, GIGLIOTTI, SERAFINI, CORRIGAN, OLASZ, WOJNAROSKI, BARRAR, READSHAW, ROSS, THOMAS, J. TAYLOR, YOUNGBLOOD, ADOLPH, L. I. COHEN and MAHER

An Act establishing an official botanical garden of Pennsylvania; imposing powers and duties on the Department of General Services.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 20, 1998.

No. 2902 By Representatives PIPPY, E. Z. TAYLOR, STEVENSON, ORIE, YOUNGBLOOD, PHILLIPS, GIGLIOTTI, THOMAS and LEDERER

An Act amending the act of May 13, 1915 (P.L.286, No.177), known as the Child Labor Law, further providing for employment of minors and prohibited employment of minors under 14 years of age.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, October 20, 1998.

No. 2903 By Representatives BOYES, BENNINGHOFF, CORRIGAN, ADOLPH, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BARD, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, CALTAGIRONE, L. I. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLAIZZO, CORNELL, COY, DALLY, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FICHTER, FLICK, GANNON, GEIST, GEORGE, GIGLIOTTI, GODSHALL, GORDNER, GRUITZA, HALUSKA, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, KENNEY, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MAHER, MAITLAND, MARSICO, MASLAND, McCALL, McILHINNEY, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLER, NAILOR, NICKOL, OLASZ, ORIE, PESCI, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PIPPY, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SCHRODER, SCHULER, SEMMEL, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, SHANER, S. H. SMITH, STABACK, STAIRS, STERN, STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, VANCE, WALKO, WAUGH, WILT, M. N. WRIGHT and ZUG

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 definitions, for transfers subject to inheritance tax and for transfers not subject to inheritance tax; and providing for taxation of transfers to members of the same family and for taxation of a qualified family-owned business interest.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 20, 1998.

No. 2904 By Representatives CAPPABIANCA and BOYES

An Act authorizing the City of Erie, Erie County, to sell and convey certain Project 70 lands free of restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 26, 1998.

No. 2905 By Representatives WALKO, BELFANTI, THOMAS, KENNEY, MANDERINO, BISHOP, CASORIO, SURRA, EVANS, BOSCOLA, STABACK, LAUGHLIN, TIGUE, RAMOS, DeLUCA, COLAFELLA, SCHRODER, MELIO, OLASZ, DERMODY, WILT, J. TAYLOR, BELARDI, YOUNGBLOOD, C. WILLIAMS, KIRKLAND and HARHAI

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1947 (P.L.538, No.246), known as The Casualty and Surety Rate Regulatory Act, further providing for making of rates.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 26, 1998.

No. 2906 By Representatives C. WILLIAMS, ROEBUCK, ROSS, RAMOS, MUNDY, STURLA, BEBKO-JONES, BISHOP and THOMAS

An Act to ensure equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices and the medical and counseling services necessary for their effective use.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 26, 1998.

No. 2907 By Representative J. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for definitions of "cost of the retailer" and "cost of the stamping agent," relating to cigarette sales and licensing.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 26, 1998.

No. 2908 By Representatives THOMAS, HERSHEY, M. COHEN, BELARDI, BARRAR, DeLUCA, HARHAI, EVANS, HORSEY, ITKIN, LaGROTTA, LEDERER, READSHAW, ROBINSON, SHANER, TIGUE and TRUE

An Act requiring credit card companies to register with institutions of higher education prior to solicitation of credit card applications from certain students; providing for parental consent for certain students who complete credit card applications; and prohibiting debt collection practices against certain parents.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 27, 1998.

No. 2909 By Representative SATHER

An Act designating the Mount Union Bypass in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, as the James DiCosimo Bypass.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 27, 1998.

No. 2910 By Representatives THOMAS, HERSHEY, EVANS, ITKIN, BELARDI, M. COHEN, DeLUCA, HARHAI, HORSEY, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, ROBINSON, ROSS and SATHER

An Act to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Lincoln University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related institution in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Lincoln University," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such

appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 27, 1998.

No. 2911 By Representatives DENT, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BLAUM, BOSCOLA, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, CORRIGAN, COY, DALLY, DeLUCA, FARGO, GEIST, HARHAI, HERMAN, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MAHER, MELIO, ORIE, PIPPY, PISTELLA, RAMOS, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCHRODER, SCHULER, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, B. SMITH, STABACK, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, WILT, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for drug-free school zones.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 27, 1998.

No. 2912 By Representatives DENT, BENNINGHOFF, DALLY, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FLICK, GEIST, GIGLIOTTI, KIRKLAND, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SEYFERT, THOMAS and WAUGH

An Act creating a temporary alternative teacher certification program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 27, 1998.

No. 2913 By Representatives DENT, BENNINGHOFF, DALLY, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FLICK, GEIST, GIGLIOTTI, KIRKLAND, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SEYFERT, THOMAS and WAUGH

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 administrative certification; and making an editorial change.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 27, 1998.

No. 2914 By Representative BARD

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

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, October 29, 1998.

No. 2915 By Representatives FLICK, OLASZ, PERZEL, SCHULER, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, CORNELL, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, SEYFERT and DALLY

An Act establishing a unified workforce investment system; restructuring certain administrative functions, procedures and entities; transferring workforce development functions of Commonwealth agencies; establishing the Pennsylvania Human Resources Investment Council; and authorizing local workforce investment boards.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, November 2, 1998.

No. 2916 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, EVANS, ITKIN, TIGUE, THOMAS, PETRONE, ORIE, READSHAW, KENNEY, HALUSKA, BEBKO-JONES, E. Z. TAYLOR, MAHER, SHANER, C. WILLIAMS, HARHAI, LEDERER, CAPPABIANCA, STABACK, MANDERINO, CORPORA, TANGRETTI, McILHATTAN and BOSCOLA

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

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, November 9, 1998.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 550 By Representatives LAUGHLIN, PETRONE, CAPPABIANCA, PHILLIPS, CALTAGIRONE, ITKIN, LESCOVITZ, ORIE, PIPPY, LEDERER, DeWEESE, TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, TIGUE, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BISHOP, ALLEN, ROBINSON, BATTISTO, BOSCOLA, OLASZ, M. COHEN, CIVERA, CURRY, EVANS, COY, GEORGE, CASORIO, HALUSKA, KENNEY, KAISER, HERMAN, KELLER, LaGROTTA, JAMES, McCALL, FAIRCHILD, DALEY, MELIO, DEMPSEY, MAYERNIK, BARRAR, GIGLIOTTI, WOJNAROSKI, LYNCH, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, HESS, BROWNE, RAMOS, DeLUCA, COLAIZZO, COLAFELLA, MAHER, HARHAI, SEYFERT, MYERS, OLIVER, HENNESSEY, PESCI, PRESTON, MUNDY, READSHAW, TANGRETTI, BENNINGHOFF, VAN HORNE, GEIST, LEVDANSKY, MICHLOVIC, TRELLO, HERSHEY, COWELL, LUCYK, PISTELLA, VEON, YOUNGBLOOD and SAINATO

A Resolution establishing a Site Selection Committee for the identification of a suitable site for a State veterans' cemetery in western Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on RULES, November 9, 1998.

REPORT SUBMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the final report of the Uninsured Motorist Task Force established by HR 51.

(Copy of report is on file with the Chief Clerk.)

COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the Annual Report on the Radiation Protection Act 147 of 1984 submitted by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the audited financial statements of Temple University submitted pursuant to Act 8A of 1998.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of certification of the supplemental State assistance available to municipalities in fiscal year 1999-2000 submitted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the annual financial report submitted by the University of Pittsburgh pursuant to Act 38A of 1997.

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

PETITION REFERRED

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Article VI, section 4, of the Constitution, the Speaker is hereby referring the attached petition for impeachment to the Judiciary Committee.

**COMMUNICATION FROM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the Annual Report on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program submitted by the Department of Welfare.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION AUTHORITY**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges the annual report submitted by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

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

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

HB 215, PN 237

By Rep. HERSHEY

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, creating the State Disaster Assistance Loan Program; providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency; establishing the State Disaster Assistance Loan Fund; providing for funding for the State Disaster Assistance Loan Program; and making an appropriation.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

HB 2872, PN 3975

By Rep. HERSHEY

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, adding a definition.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 513, PN 3871

By Rep. FLICK

A Resolution memorializing the Federal Government to fulfill its financial obligation under the Delaware River Basin Compact.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to today's leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who requests leaves as follows: The lady, Miss ORIE, and the gentleman, Mr. WOGAN, for today's session only. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears none.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, who requests leave for the following members: Mr. PISTELLA, Mr. ROEBUCK, and Mrs. LEDERER, all for today's session. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Ms. Rhonda Sugata, the daughter of Representative Bruce Smith, and Bree Sugata, his granddaughter. They are visiting today from Milan, Italy. Representative Smith's wife, Pat, is with them in the back of the House. Would the guests please rise.

The Chair welcomes today to the hall of the House Domenick Corpora, the uncle of and guest of Representative Joseph Corpora. He is seated in the balcony. Would the guest please rise.

MISS PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN PRE-TEEN PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman, Mr. Platts, come to the desk.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Platts.

Mr. PLATTS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce an outstanding young lady from my district today, a young lady who has much to be proud of. With us today is Suzie Knox, a 13-year-old eighth grade student at West York Junior High School.

Earlier this year, Miss Knox was named Miss Pennsylvania American Pre-Teen. She competed with 75 contestants from around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and will now represent the Commonwealth at the national American Pre-Teen pageant at Disney World over Thanksgiving.

On behalf of the entire House of Representatives, on your behalf, it is my pleasure to present Miss Knox with a citation in recognition of this outstanding achievement and to wish her the best of luck at the national pageant.

I would hope my colleagues would join me in recognizing Miss Knox on this achievement and wishing her good luck in Orlando over Thanksgiving, representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With Suzie today I would also like to recognize some very proud family members: her mother, Barbara Knox; her grandparents, Robert and Cora Riese; and her aunt, Sherry Riese, who is in the balcony. Her grandparents and mom are here to the side. Would they please rise and be recognized.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HISTORY DAY CONTEST WINNERS PRESENTED

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

Mr. MASLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is only the second time in 6 years that I have been up here to make a presentation. Unlike Mr. Gordner, who just left the back of the House — that is it, John; come on back in — I do not have the Berwick Bulldogs to honor every year. The Carlisle Thundering Herd has been a little remiss in winning basketball championships the past few years. But I am pleased to honor some students from the Carlisle High School who have achieved something academically, which is just as and much more, probably, important than any athletic honors which we do acknowledge here on the floor of the House.

Behind me are four young ladies who are the senior group champions of the 1998 Pennsylvania History Day Contest. The theme this year was "Migration in History — People, Ideas, and Cultures." Actually, one of the four has a neighbor, Rena Langen, who was born in Germany, and after some conversations with her and then conversations with their history professor, who happens to also be a State-recognized teacher, they decided to do their presentation on war brides, those women who migrated to the United States during and after World War II. So what they did was they designed a display in the form of a multilayered wedding cake, and they decorated it with graphics, with text, and with photos, and it was not just about the local women in the Carlisle area but it was about the 750,000 women who migrated to the United States during

that time period. That is an incredibly large number. Probably many of you know people who came here during those same days, and they came from about 50 countries.

Let me just read an excerpt, for those of you who are listening very attentively, and I do see a few smiling faces. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Conference on the side aisle will please break up, both sides.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. MASLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is something that has touched all of us, so I do appreciate your attention, and these young ladies put a lot of work into it.

Let me just read a brief excerpt from one of their concluding panels on the wedding cake: "The war brides truly made America a melting pot, bringing culture and customs from more than 50 countries.

"...They made a commitment to become good citizens and raise their children to be good citizens. They adapted so well to American society that many of us don't realize they are in our neighborhoods."

Many of us do not realize the commitment that they have made and the contribution that they have made, but I am happy to introduce to you four young ladies who have made a commitment already and are sure to be good citizens as well. Their names are Devyn Coolidge, Kimberly Belcher, Nicole Progar, and Megan Smith, and they are the 1998 State Pennsylvania History Day Contest champions, and I would ask you all to give a round of applause to recognize them.

And while you are standing, if you would turn around and acknowledge the families in the balcony. If they would please rise.

One last thing. Mr. Gordner, they are all freshmen; they will be back.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF SPONSORS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today six students representing four State universities who have been assigned to either committee chairman or leadership offices. These students are part of the Legislative Fellowship Program, sponsored by the Bipartisan Management Committee. They are seated in the back of the House. Will these students please rise: Michael Boyer, Devin Chwastyk, Meghan Ford, Matthew Helfrich, Laura Kotarba, and Michael Masciangelo. Would these students please rise. They are in the rear of the House. We will see more of them in the months to come.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. At this time I would like to also recognize members of the Harrisburg Internship Semester of the State System of Higher Education. The 15 interns and their faculty director,

Mr. Wayne Burton, are seated in the back of the chamber. The interns are John Amour, Keri Brown, Cliff Burdon, Derek Clepper, Jeniffer DeJesus, Jisela Delgado, Jolene Elliot, Diana Fairies, Dena Kniess, Melisa Marcovitz, Elayne Morphy, Rebecca Olson, Amie Tacka, and Tiffany Watson. Would these folks please rise.

It seems appropriate, considering the students that were just recognized, that we recognize on the floor of the House today the chancellor of the State System, James McCormick.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Hasay, for the purpose of making a committee announcement.

Mr. HASAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call a meeting of the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee as soon as we break at the rear of the House chamber. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Reinard, for the purpose of making a committee announcement.

Mr. REINARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the House Urban Affairs Committee will meet immediately at the break in room 39, East Wing.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. On the declaration of the recess, the Judiciary Committee will meet at the rear of the hall of the House.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

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

Caltagirone	Haluska	Nailor	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, J.
Carn	Harhai	O'Brien	Thomas
Carone	Harhart	Olasz	Tigue
Casorio	Hasay	Oliver	Travaglio
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Hershey	Petrarca	True
Clark	Hess	Petrone	Tulli
Clymer	Horsey	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jadlowiec	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	James	Ramos	Walko
Cornell	Jarolin	Raymond	Washington
Corpora	Josephs	Readshaw	Waugh
Corrigan	Kaiser	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Keller	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Kenney	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	Kirkland	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Krebs	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Laughlin	Rooney	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lawless	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Rubley	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Sainato	
DeWeese	Levdansky	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Sather	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Lederer	Pistella	Roebuck	Wogan
Orie			

LEAVE CANCELED—1

Wogan

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call for a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee for 2 o'clock in the conference room of the majority Appropriations complex.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair begs forgiveness of the Chair's intern, Steve Winnie, who is present and I neglected to introduce a while ago. Will the gentleman please rise.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. May I have your attention, please; may I have your attention.

Today is the first day back in our now conservative, in the sense of saving it, chamber. A number of things have been done during the past 5 or 6 months, and rather than read them, I am going to reproduce for your benefit the speech I was going to make.

You should all have received in today's mail, if not prior to today, a diagram of what the new monument on your desk is for and how it works. It is my hope, it is my hope that next year we can address the issue of the desks being redone, although they were touched up this past 6 months, and take a closer look at the rugs in the chamber.

STATEMENT BY MR. CLYMER

The SPEAKER. Mr. Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Mr. Speaker, if I may, could I entertain the attention of the General Assembly to talk about the displays in the rear of the hall.

The SPEAKER. Many of you, including the Speaker, have wondered what is on display in the back of the House. Mr. Clymer, will you advise us.

Mr. CLYMER. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let me just preface my remarks by saying, I hope many of the members had taken the advice of the Speaker some months ago and had taken a tour when the scaffolding allowed members to view the work at the ceiling. Those of you who did take that tour have come back to me and to the Speaker and said how impressed you were with the beautiful work that was being done by the conservation and restoration personnel.

Just a few remarks about the diagrams that are sitting behind us in the rear of the hall.

What you will find back there on display are a panel of beads. You will recognize the fact that these are the beads that we see in both the chandeliers, both the large and small chandeliers. Let me just mention that it took quite a bit of time for those who were doing the work to finish that project. You may not be aware, but there were 360,000 beads that had to be cleaned and rewired — 360,000. Does not the chamber look more bright than it did before? And you will see that panel of beads on display in the back.

Then you will see pictures of the conservation personnel at work, doing their various tasks. You will see a plaster piece that is called a bead and reel. It is self-explanatory. You will see a piece of plaster called egg and dart, with an installed sprinkler head. The sprinkler heads have been placed in the hall, in the ceiling of the House. You cannot see them. That is how wonderful the work and the perfection of the people who had worked on the ceiling, but we are now secure in this House with an adequate sprinkler system. Also in the back of the hall, you will see a display of electrical box and wiring from the 1940s. That will convince you that we did the right thing in working with General Services to improve our Fire and Panic Code.

Also on display is a rosette mold, showing different colors of paints that had come upon it over the different years. You will see an early speaker box, installed in 1923. One wonders, when you look at that box, how the people in the back of the hall could hear, but obviously they did.

You will see plaster work that is being improved and restored in various stages. Again, that is on the display models in the rear. And then you will see how they used the gold leaf to do the beautiful trim that we now have before us here in the hall.

Those are some of the things that you will see in the back, and as the Speaker had mentioned, there is a brochure in the back, again, outlining much of the work that has been done.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to make these remarks.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

When I was a younger member and bored, which happened infrequently, I would stare at the chandeliers and count the number of bulbs that were out. Now I give to you a more modern legislature and suggest that you try and find the 52 sprinklers and 22 smoke detectors when you are stretched out, looking upward.

With that, does the majority leader have any further business? Does the minority leader have any further business?

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Fargo, for the purpose of a caucus announcement.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a Republican caucus at 2:15. This will allow the committee meetings at 2 o'clock.

But the Republican caucus, at 2:15. We plan to come back at 3 o'clock for additional voting.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has noted for the record that the Judiciary Committee will meet at the declaration of the recess.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be a Democratic caucus also at 2:15. We urge all members to attend.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Mr. Lawless, are you seeking recognition?

Mr. LAWLESS. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. LAWLESS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to submit comments for the record. I would like to submit comments for the record, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may submit the comments.

Mr. LAWLESS submitted remarks for the Legislative Journal.

(For remarks, see Appendix.)

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

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

HB 2120;

HB 2664;

HB 2754;

SB 101;

SB 211;

SB 508;

SB 541;

SB 542;

SB 670;

SB 838;
 SB 1011;
 SB 1077;
 SB 1191; and
 SB 1218.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2120;
 HB 2664;
 HB 2754;
 SB 101;
 SB 211;
 SB 508;
 SB 541;
 SB 542;
 SB 670;
 SB 838;
 SB 1011;
 SB 1077;
 SB 1191; and
 SB 1218.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Is there any further business at this time?
 Hearing none, this House will stand in recess until 3 p.m., unless
 sooner called back by the Speaker or extended by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:30 p.m.; further
 extended until 3:45 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House communications
 in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the
 Commonwealth, advising that the following House bills had been
 approved and signed by the Governor:

HB 591, HB 656, and HB 2361.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2120, PN 3984

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361),
 known as The Private Detective Act of 1953, further providing for
 out-of-State investigators.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2435, PN 3232

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act repealing the act of December 29, 1972 (Sp.Sess., P.L.2024,
 No.5), entitled "An act authorizing abatement of real estate taxes because
 of destruction or damage of property by flood, or the refund of the amount
 of such taxes by certain political subdivisions; authorizing assessment of
 properties retroactive to January 1, of the year of flood damage and
 authorizing reimbursement to certain political subdivisions for real estate
 taxes lost due to the flood of September 1971 and the Great June Flood of
 1972."

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2518, PN 3415

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379, No.348),
 referred to as the Third Class County Assessment Board Law, further
 providing for auxiliary appeal boards.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2620, PN 3986

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the
 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for instruction on persons
 with disabilities and for authority of housing police in second class cities.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2664, PN 3987

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for court appointed special
 advocates in juvenile matters.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2754, PN 3978

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 Statutes, further providing for enforcement of the Fish and Boat Code.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2781, PN 3834 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act providing for the reporting of crimes of violence committed on the grounds of school entities.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2782, PN 4053 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act requiring all school districts to develop a comprehensive school violence prevention plan.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 56, PN 1483 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1988 (P.L.452, No.74), entitled "An act exempting owners of shooting ranges from any civil or criminal actions relating to noise pollution," further defining the granted immunity from nuisance actions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 94, PN 2252 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1989 (P.L.687, No.90), entitled Mortgage Bankers and Brokers Act, further providing for definitions, for loan correspondents, for limited mortgage broker, for wholesale table funders, for license applications, requirements, exemptions, duration, fees, limitations, suspensions or revocations and for enforcement and penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 211, PN 940 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No. 581), entitled The Borough Code, further providing for tax levies.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 263, PN 313 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of January 18, 1952 (1951 P.L.2128, No.605), entitled Private Driver Education or Training School Act, further regulating mileage and age of driver training vehicles.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 489, PN 2253 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for tax exemption; and further defining "net profits."

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 828, PN 2254 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled The Second Class Township Code, further providing for monthly meetings, for the procedure for assessments relating to sanitary sewer systems and for the procedure for assessments relating to water systems.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 829, PN 2164 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled The First Class Township Code, further providing for monthly meetings, quorum and voting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 830, PN 2255 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), entitled The Borough Code, further providing for organization of council, quorum, voting, compensation and eligibility and for specific powers of a borough relating to towing equipment; and providing for different and separate tax levies.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 930, PN 2256 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), entitled Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board; providing for local government unit participation; further providing for Commonwealth indebtedness; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1051, PN 1806 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for standby guardians for minors.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1077, PN 1984 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act providing for property and casualty insurance rate and form filings; providing for the making of rates; providing for powers and duties of the Insurance Commissioner; providing for rating organizations; imposing penalties; and making repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1193, PN 2257 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act designating a section of Allegheny Avenue (SR 1013) in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, as Roxanne H. Jones Avenue; designating Route 78 in Lebanon, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties as the 78th Division Highway; designating a section of Route 248 as the POW-MIA Remembrance Highway; designating a bridge in Lebanon County as the Senator Clarence F. Manbeck Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 0094 in York and Cumberland Counties as the 94th Infantry Division Memorial Highway; designating the Mount Union Bypass in Huntingdon County as the James DiCosimo Bypass; and designating the Ben Weaver Bridge in Chester County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1262, PN 2062

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for actions that must be commenced within six months, for naming of parties in declaratory judgment actions and for deficiency judgments.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1292, PN 1672

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for certain expenses and fees relating to the minor judiciary.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1372, PN 2019

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act relating to the unlawful disposition of motor vehicles; and providing penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

HB 2120, PN 3984; HB 2435, PN 3232; HB 2518, PN 3415; HB 2620, PN 3986; HB 2664, PN 3987; HB 2754, PN 3978; HB 2781, PN 3834; HB 2782, PN 4053; SB 56, PN 1483; SB 94, PN 2252; SB 211, PN 940; SB 263, PN 313; SB 828, PN 2254; SB 829, PN 2164; SB 830, PN 2255; SB 930, PN 2256; SB 1051, PN 1806; SB 1077, PN 1984; SB 1193, PN 2257; and SB 1372, PN 2019.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair wishes to advise members that permission has been given to Gary Miller of the Patriot-News to take still photographs on the House floor.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 1192, PN 1854

By Rep. GANNON

An Act providing for victims' rights; imposing penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals.

JUDICIARY.

SB 1205, PN 2258 (Amended)

By Rep. GANNON

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing limits on the exercise of certain trustee powers and the ability of beneficiaries to appoint trustees under certain circumstances.

JUDICIARY.

SB 1271, PN 1827

By Rep. GANNON

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the right of action regarding profits received as a result of the commission of a crime.

JUDICIARY.

SB 1373, PN 1783

By Rep. GANNON

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, making revisions and repeals relating to the Motor Vehicle Chop Shop and Illegally Obtained and Altered Property Act.

JUDICIARY.

STATEMENT BY MR. GEORGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Mr. George.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. George, wish to be recognized?

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I ask for permission for unanimous consent, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

The gentleman has the permission of the Chair under unanimous consent. Could we have attention of the members, please.

The House will come to order. Members will please take their seats.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, in case my colleagues in the House are not yet aware, it was announced this very morning that GPU has reached an agreement with Sithe Energies to sell off its 23 remaining generating facilities for a total of \$1.68 billion. On the surface, this may not seem like it is a big deal to most of you, but let me assure you, however, it may very well turn out to have more of an effect on the people of Pennsylvania than any other piece of legislation that we pass this session.

I have been an active party in the GPU settlement negotiations since last year. It is no secret that I was not pleased with the outcome.

Madam Speaker, maybe when their constituents find out what happened, they will want to quiet down a little bit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Would the members please come to order. The gentleman has a right to be heard, and there is a veritable din out there right now.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I have also publicly stated that I am weighing the options of filing suit in the Commonwealth Court to stop the settlement from taking effect. In the light of what has transpired

today, it is with some regret that I announce that I must proceed with this lawsuit. It is now the only remaining option.

Whether you voted for the Electric Deregulation Act or not, I ask that you take one step back and ask yourself this simple question: Is this what you envisioned when you cast your vote in 1996? GPU has sold all of its generating plants to a French and Japanese company that has a history of using natural gas as a fuel for energy production. Possibly those of you that have mining interests in your area might want to listen to this. What will be the long-term effect on your constituents that mine coal for a living? Before today, not many of you have probably even heard of Sithe Energies. What will happen to the almost 7,000 nonunion employees that GPU and Penelec have at this time? The PUC (Public Utility Commission), despite having the authority and the power to exercise complete oversight over the sale of these plants, has chosen not to do so. Instead, Madam Speaker, they have allowed for the fast-track sale of these plants, despite the objection of many of us at the bargaining table.

Madam Speaker, it has been established that we each have our right to say, and I will continue regardless of whether they think it is important or not, but I apologize to you in the slight hesitation.

So I say, Madam Speaker, how can we be sure that GPU has indeed received the best price for these plants? Let me remind you that the answer to that question could have a multimillion-dollar effect on the amount of stranded costs that your ratepayers will foot the entire bill for.

I would suggest that my colleagues in the Duquesne energy service area take special note of what I just said. I intend to write a letter to the PUC asking that it reassert its statutory authority in this matter and execute a full oversight and public review of the sale process. I invite all my fellow legislators to do the same.

The good tooth fairy is not paying for these stranded costs. They are coming out of the pockets of your constituency. Once again I ask the question, is this what you envisioned when you cast your vote for deregulation?

I have some sobering news. If you are sitting back and ignoring the process at hand because you were under the impression that the PUC is handling every aspect of deregulation fairly, you are mistaken. I have been involved in the nuts and bolts of the ongoing negotiations, probably more closely than most others in this Assembly. I can say without hesitation that the PUC is not acting to protect our ratepayers; the PUC is acting as a tool for the utilities.

And if you are under the impression that full-scale deregulation is going to save your ratepayers money, I have some more sobering news: It is not. Wholesale power prices have been rapidly rising. In fact, the proposed shopping credit for GPU customers is about 4.5 cents a kilowatt for generated power. That is essentially the same price as it is being sold for right now. The bottom line is that GPU customers can shop all they want next year, the prices will be the same.

So we can no longer count on the PUC to stand firm and protect Pennsylvania ratepayers, our coal industry, and our utility employers. The members of this body must take over that role. Starting here and starting now, I will do so. I urge many of you to follow as well.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Mr. Snyder, who requests that Representative Wogan be placed on the master roll call.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

HB 2537, PN 3931; and HB 2681, PN 3682.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2258, PN 3202**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, further providing for conditions of parole; providing for subsequent arrest of a parolee; and further providing for supervision of persons paroled in other states.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would like to offer a motion to suspend the rules to offer amendment A3933.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering amendment 3933.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

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

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

NAYS-5

Carone	Lynch	Steelman	Steil
Hanna			

NOT VOTING-6

Bishop	Krebs	Sturla	Wilt
Gladeck	Raymond		

EXCUSED-4

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

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

Mr. GANNON offered the following amendment No. A3933:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 17 through 19, by striking out "CONDITIONS OF PAROLE;" in line 17, all of line 18 and "PROVIDING FOR" in line 19

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 14, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Section 33 of the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, amended December 18, 1996 (P.L.1098, No.164), is amended to read:

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 33), page 4, by inserting between lines 26 and 27 (c) The provisions of this section shall apply only to those persons under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 33), page 4, line 27, by striking out "(c)" and inserting

(d)

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 33), page 6, line 28, by striking out "(d)" and inserting

(e)

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. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment deals with an issue between a House bill and a Senate bill, and what this amendment will do, since this proposal is part of this two-bill package, is it will permit the House bill and the Senate bill to mesh together so that we can get a complete and comprehensive law with respect to parolees who come into Pennsylvania from out of State, and I would ask for a "yes" vote on the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Berks County, Mr. Caltagirone, is recognized.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Madam Speaker, I would urge the members on this side of the aisle to support the Gannon amendment. We had agreed to this, and I think it is the right thing to do. I would urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, would the maker of the amendment consent to interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, I just got this amendment, and maybe it is more straightforward than it appears to be. What is left in this bill after this amendment goes in?

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, from page 4 of the bill to the end of the bill, all of the information requirements remain in the bill.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I had my questions answered.

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-196

Adolph	Eachus	Maher	Schuler
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Scrimenti
Argall	Evans	Major	Semmel
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Serafini
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Seyfert
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Shaner
Barley	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.
Barrar	Fleagle	Mayernik	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Flick	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Forcier	McGeehan	Staback
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Stairs
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Steelman
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Melio	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Michlovic	Stevenson
	Gordner	Micozzie	Strittmatter

Browne	Gruitza	Miller	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Mundy	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhai	O'Brien	Thomas
Carone	Harhart	Olasz	Tigue
Casorio	Hasay	Oliver	Travaglio
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Hershey	Petrone	True
Clark	Hess	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Horshey	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Preston	Veon
Colaifella	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Vitali
Colaizzo	James	Raymond	Walko
Cornell	Jarolin	Readshaw	Washington
Corpora	Josephs	Reber	Waugh
Corrigan	Kaiser	Reinard	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Keller	Rieger	Williams, C.
Coy	Kenney	Roberts	Wilt
Curry	Kirkland	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Krebs	Rohrer	Wojnaroski
Dally	LaGrotta	Rooney	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Laughlin	Ross	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lawless	Rublely	Youngblood
Dent	Leh	Sainato	Zimmerman
Dermody	Lescovitz	Santoni	Zug
DeWeese	Levdansky	Sather	
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Saylor	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lucyk	Schroder	Speaker
Druce	Lynch		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-3

Bishop	Cam	Petrarca
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EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Maher	Schuler
Argall	Egolf	Maitland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Evans	Major	Semmel
Baker	Fairchild	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Fargo	Markosek	Seyfert
Barley	Feese	Marsico	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.

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Bebko-Jones	Flick	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Forcier	McGeehan	Staback
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Steelman
Benninghoff	Geist	McLhattan	Steil
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Stern
Bishop	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stetler
Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Stevenson
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Sturla
Browne	Gruitza	Miller	Surra
Bunt	Gruppo	Mundy	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	O'Brien	Tigue
Carone	Harhart	Olasz	Travaglio
Casorio	Hasay	Oliver	Trello
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trich
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	True
Civera	Hershey	Petrone	Tulli
Clark	Hess	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Horshey	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Preston	Vitali
Colaifella	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Walko
Colaizzo	James	Raymond	Washington
Cornell	Jarolin	Readshaw	Waugh
Corpora	Josephs	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kaiser	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Keller	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	Kenney	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Kirkland	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Daley	Krebs	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dally	LaGrotta	Rooney	Yewcic
DeLuca	Laughlin	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lawless	Rublely	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Santoni	
DeWeese	Levdansky	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Lucyk		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-3

Cam	Petrarca	Stairs
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EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2703, PN 3745**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1881, No. 184), entitled "An act providing for agreements between sales representatives and their principals," further defining "principal"; and further providing for commissions and for noncompliance.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1064, PN 3615**, entitled:

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 providing for volunteer fire company activities.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

Curry	Kirkland	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Daley	Krebs	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dally	LaGrotta	Rooney	Yewcic
DeLuca	Laughlin	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Santoni	
DeWeese	Levdansky	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Michlovic

EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2111, PN 2759**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 30, 1811 (P.L.145, No.99), entitled "An act to amend and consolidate the several acts relating to the settlement of the public accounts and the payment of the public monies, and for other purposes," further providing for duties of county treasurers and for brigade inspector.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maher	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Maitland	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Major	Semmel
Baker	Fairchild	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Fargo	Markosek	Seyfert
Barley	Feese	Marsico	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fleagle	Mayemik	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Flick	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Forcier	McGeehan	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhattan	Steelman
Bishop	George	McIlhinney	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Melio	Stetler

Boyes	Godshall	Michlovic	Stevenson
Browne	Gordner	Micozzie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruitza	Miller	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gruppo	Mundy	Surra
Buxton	Habay	Myers	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Haluska	Nailor	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hanna	Nickol	Thomas
Carn	Harhai	O'Brien	Tigue
Carone	Harhart	Olasz	Travaglio
Casorio	Hasay	Oliver	Trello
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	Trich
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	True
Civera	Hershey	Petrarca	Tulli
Clark	Hess	Petrone	Vance
Clymer	Horsey	Phillips	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pippy	Veon
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Platts	Vitali
Colafella	Jadlowiec	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	James	Ramos	Washington
Cornell	Jarolin	Raymond	Waugh
Corpora	Josephs	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kaiser	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Keller	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Kenney	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	Kirkland	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Krebs	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Laughlin	Rooney	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lawless	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Rubley	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Sainato	
DeWeese	Levdansky	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Sather	Speaker
Donatucci	Lucyk		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-3

Belfanti	Scrimenti	Tangretti
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EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

BILLS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. HBs 1499, 1527, and 2039 are over.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2211, PN 2921**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 8, 1919 (P.L.130, No.96), entitled "An act authorizing any county and city in any county in which the county-seat is within the limits of such city, to erect a joint county and municipal building or buildings; providing for the conditions and agreements under which such building or buildings may be erected and occupied, and for the ownership thereof; providing for the selection of a site for said building or buildings, and authorizing said county and city to

make a sale or exchange of properties under certain conditions for the purpose of securing such site; authorizing the acquisition of property for such building or buildings by purchase or condemnation; and authorizing the county to issue bonds in payment of any indebtedness incurred for its share of the cost of such building, or buildings, and land."

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Feese

EXCUSED—4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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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BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. HB 2787 is over.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1443, PN 1700**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of leases.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Donatucci	Lucyk	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Lynch	Schuler
Argall	Eachus	Maher	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Maitland	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Major	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Manderino	Seyfert
Barley	Fargo	Markosek	Shaner
Barrar	Feese	Marsico	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fichter	Masland	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Fleagle	Mayernik	Snyder, D. W.
Belardi	Flick	McCall	Staback
Belfanti	Forcier	McGeehan	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGill	Steil
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhattan	Stern
Bishop	George	McIlhinney	Stetler
Blaum	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stevenson
Boscola	Gladeck	Melio	Strittmatter
Boyes	Godshall	Michlovic	Sturla
Browne	Gordner	Micozzie	Surra
Bunt	Gruitza	Miller	Tangretti
Butkovitz	Gruppo	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Habay	Myers	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Haluska	Nailor	Thomas
Cappabianca	Hanna	Nickol	Tigue
Carn	Harhai	O'Brien	Travaglio

Carone	Harhart	Olasz	Trello
Casorio	Hasay	Oliver	Trich
Cawley	Hennessey	Perzel	True
Chadwick	Herman	Pesci	Tulli
Civera	Hershey	Petrarca	Vance
Clark	Hess	Petrone	Van Horne
Clymer	Horsey	Phillips	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Platts	Walko
Colaifella	Jadlowiec	Preston	Washington
Colaizzo	James	Ramos	Waugh
Cornell	Jarolin	Raymond	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Josephs	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kaiser	Reber	Wilt
Cowell	Keller	Reinard	Wogan
Coy	Kenney	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Curry	Kirkland	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Krebs	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dally	LaGrotta	Rooney	Youngblood
DeLuca	Laughlin	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lawless	Rubley	Zug
Dent	Leh	Sainato	
Dermody	Lescovitz	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Levdansky	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

Roberts	Steelman
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EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2437, PN 3234**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.545, No.215), entitled "An act relating to the rate of pay for policemen, firemen and park guards in cities of the first class; providing for a system whereby policemen, firemen and park guards of cities of the first class who shall enter, or who shall have entered, the military service during the present hostilities shall be paid upon honorable discharge and re-entry into the police, fire or park guard service at the same rate of pay as if they had actually served on the police force, fire bureau or park guard force of cities of the first class during the years, months or days they were in the military service."

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Semmel

EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. FORCIER called up HR 546, PN 4020, entitled:

A Resolution declaring November 7, 1998, as "Ida Tarbell Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-2

Boscola James

EXCUSED-4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 2626, PN 3605, entitled:

An Act establishing the Youth Development Fund; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Community and Economic Development; providing for grants; requiring certain reports; and making an appropriation.

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

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A3878:

Amend Sec. 8, page 6, line 15, by removing the period after "program" and inserting

and in which a school district has a market value personal income aid ratio of .5000 or greater.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield, Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment we propose that is A3878 simply adds one facet that we feel is very significant, fair, and important, that under the bill every winning applicant will get a minimum of \$50,000 but the size of the grant above that amount will depend on several factors. We are adding something we think is most important especially to the school districts that have a market value personal income aid ratio of greater than .5000. This amendment would make sure that the school districts that have less resources would receive additional support for these programs.

We urge an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Will the maker of the amendment stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. I just want to be clear, Madam Speaker, what this amendment does and what impact it would have, for example, on my school districts, which are the Haverford and Radnor Township School Districts. Would this amendment make those school districts and other school districts in the suburban Philadelphia area ineligible for the program?

Mr. GEORGE. No, indeed, Madam Speaker. In fact, Philadelphia and many areas would be enhanced with this amendment. It helps them as well as it does those districts in the rural area. The thing that we have to pay attention to is the .5000. If they are above that, they will get help.

Mr. VITALI. What school districts would this amendment make ineligible ?

Mr. GEORGE. I do not have the information to tell you which will and which will not. In all possibility, the one that you represent well may not be helped, but most of Philadelphia will be helped, a great deal of Pittsburgh will be helped, and a great deal of the rural area will be helped. If yours will not be helped, well, then you are fortunate in that maybe they do not need that help.

Mr. VITALI. Well, what I want to be clear on before I vote is, would an affirmative vote be a vote in my own school district saying I do not want them to receive these moneys ? That is what I need to be clear on, because I do not think members by and large want to vote against their own school districts, and I am trying to make that determination so I know exactly what I am voting on.

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, this is just one additional factor that we are saying should be considered. It does not rule anybody out; it does not change any of the other parallels and consideration. It just adds one more significant item that we feel can be looked into and could be significantly looked into that would help. It does not take anything away from anyone but it adds that one important facet of the .5000.

Mr. VITALI. Would this amendment, Madam Speaker, make so-called wealthier school districts ineligible ?

Mr. GEORGE. Absolutely not.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, with all due respect, I interpret the effect of the amendment differently than was just suggested by answers given to the previous speaker.

This language of amendment 3878 does more than add another item or another criterion to be considered. It is an absolute requirement. It says, according to the analysis that I have, that the amendment limits programs eligible to those within school districts with a market value personal income aid ratio of .5000 or greater. It does, in absolute terms, say that the wealthier districts of the State and even some that are not so wealthy would be excluded based on this single criterion. It does provide something more than language that just requires this issue to be considered. It says if you have an aid ratio in excess of .5000, you are not eligible, and on that basis, for instance, the Pittsburgh School District would be made ineligible because its aid ratio, I believe, is less than .5000. And even though in some larger complex urban districts there may be very poor schools or schools in very poor neighborhoods that ought to benefit from the program, the good-idea program that is presented in this legislation, they would never be eligible to apply and be considered positively for these dollars because of this new element that would be added by the George amendment. The language does preclude in absolute terms eligibility for many school districts and many poor schools and poor neighborhoods in many school districts across the State.

I would urge that we allow the department the flexibility that is found in the current version of the legislation and urge that we defeat the George amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor, for the second time.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would just like to clarify for the House that the amendment that is offered by the gentleman, Mr. George, really just talks about

the criteria that would be used for any remaining moneys after the initial grants are issued. This is a modest fund that we are creating to start with. I am sure every county and every municipality within that county will be vying for grants. The notion that there would be remaining moneys available I think is probably not going to come to pass. So we may be arguing over a fairly moot point, and I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-137

Baker	Donatucci	Laughlin	Sather
Barley	Eachus	Lawless	Saylor
Battisto	Evans	Lescovitz	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Fairchild	Levdansky	Serafini
Belardi	Fargo	Lloyd	Shaner
Belfanti	Feese	Lucyk	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Fichter	Maitland	Smith, S. H.
Blaum	Fleagle	Manderino	Staback
Boscola	Gannon	Markosek	Stairs
Boyes	Geist	Masland	Steelman
Browne	George	Mayernik	Stern
Bunt	Gigliotti	McCall	Stetler
Butkovitz	Gladeck	McGeehan	Sturla
Buxton	Godshall	McIlhattan	Surra
Caltagirone	Gordner	McNaughton	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Gruitza	Melio	Taylor, J.
Carn	Gruppo	Myers	Thomas
Casorio	Haluska	Nickol	Travaglio
Cawley	Hanna	O'Brien	Trello
Clark	Harhai	Olasz	Trich
Cohen, M.	Hasay	Oliver	Tulli
Colafrella	Hennessey	Pesci	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Herman	Petrarca	Veon
Cornell	Hershey	Petrone	Walko
Corpora	Hess	Phillips	Washington
Corrigan	Horsey	Platts	Waugh
Coy	Hutchinson	Preston	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Wogan
Daley	James	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Dally	Jarolin	Reber	Yewcic
DeLuca	Josephs	Rieger	Youngblood
Dempsey	Kaiser	Roberts	
Dent	Keller	Rooney	Ryan,
Dermody	Kenney	Sainato	Speaker
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Santoni	

NAYS-61

Adolph	Flick	Micozzie	Seyfert
Allen	Forcier	Miller	Snyder, D. W.
Argall	Habay	Mundy	Steil
Armstrong	Harhart	Nailor	Stevenson
Bard	Itkin	Perzel	Strittmatter
Barrar	Kirkland	Pippy	Taylor, E. Z.
Birmelin	Krebs	Raymond	Tigue
Carone	Leh	Reinard	True
Chadwick	Lynch	Robinson	Vance
Civera	Maher	Rohrer	Vitali
Clymer	Major	Ross	Williams, C.
Cohen, L. I.	Marsico	Ruble	Wilt
Cowell	McGill	Schroder	Wright, M. N.
DiGirolamo	McIlhinney	Schuler	Zimmerman
Druce	Michlovic	Semmel	Zug
Egolf			

NOT VOTING-1

Bishop

EXCUSED-4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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?

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

Mr. HORSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to support HB 2626. If we are talking about preventive measures to keep kids out of trouble and to help them and promote them to be good citizens in the long run, we need bills like HB 2626, and I would urge support by my colleagues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I believe we have an opportunity to make a commitment to an area that will help, whether you are looking for educational reform, child care, safer communities, or fighting against crime in our areas. The statistics are very plain, Madam Speaker, that 50 percent of all juvenile crime occurs between the hours of 3 to 7. We are trying to make a commitment to the notion that we have to do everything we can to provide educational, recreational, and artistic opportunities to children during that period to keep them busy, and I think this is a start.

I would ask for your support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Mr. Rohrer.

Mr. ROHRER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I stand and raise a voice of opposition to this initiative. I really do not know how many members have read the bill, but I have read the bill through many times now and frankly look at it and find some extreme problems with the bill from the standpoint of public policy as well as effectiveness.

When I look at the bill, what we are doing is we are creating a brand-new program. We are giving powers to a department to be involved in putting together a program that is going to be connected with providing education or sports or anything like that that is going to be involved in providing activities for after-school youth in the amount of \$15 million. To me as I look at this bill and regardless of all the work that has been done relative to school violence — and certainly that provides an umbrella that a lot of things can be done and we can all say we are against school violence — this bill is a new government program and it is glorified baby-sitting. If people had a problem with midnight basketball, which people did, this is no different. Why in the world, if this is something that is going to be involved in education, is it not an Education Department-administered program? If it is a baby-sitter,

which it is, a day care, why does it not go through the Department of Welfare?

For a lot of reasons I do not think this makes sense at all for us to be beginning a new area that has not been proven, and certainly just to say a kid has activities is not any guarantee he is going to be kept out of crime. I think it is something that you do when you have \$15 million lying around. And we will be back, if we pass this, we will be back again having to vote for more funding because everybody is going to want to get their hand into this till. And my suggestion would be that if in fact we have problems with school violence because kids are for a few hours without their parents because they have to work, we ought to be talking about tax cuts and other programs so that parents do not have to work and you can keep one of them in the home, and I think we ought to be talking about better ways to go than this one.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Horsey, from Philadelphia for the second time.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Next March, Madam Speaker, we are about to place thousands, 30,000, 40,000, 50,000 persons who are presently on public assistance, we are going to take them off public assistance, Madam Speaker, and we are going to expect those parents to go out and look for jobs, and I think that should happen, just for the record, Madam Speaker, for my colleagues in this chamber right now. But if we do not provide additional services for their kids to be maintained, it is pointless; it is a double-edged sword, Madam Speaker, and we want them to go out and look for work and at the same time manage their kids after school.

This is a good bill, Madam Speaker, because this addresses that particular question as to what will happen or what could happen with those kids. They are not on the street; they are in latchkey programs, and it is okay, Madam Speaker, if the State funds some of these programs, because it is within the State's interests to look out for and take care of its kids, and this bill helps in part of that process.

I believe, yes, Madam Speaker, that people should go out and look for jobs, on the left hand, but on the right hand, if they have got 10, 15 kids — and you are right; we did not make them — if they have 10 or 15 kids, what happens to them? Do they become criminals? Are they just let loose on the street? This bill advocates those kids being looked out for, Madam Speaker, and I would encourage support by the full chamber of this particular bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to support HB 2626.

Over the last couple of years there has been great enthusiasm in this General Assembly for getting tough on crime, and we have passed all kinds of new laws and amended laws to put people in jail with more certainty or for longer periods of time. This is one of the few good ideas that has come before the General Assembly that focuses on prevention rather than dealing with the problem after the fact, and Representative Taylor and those others who are responsible for this good idea deserve a lot of credit in moving it forward. We ought to be enthusiastic about making a modest investment of \$15 million in prevention at a time when we spend more than \$1 billion dealing with crime after the fact.

One of the other hallmarks and highlights of this legislation is that it does focus on local control. Obviously, the Department of Education is an administrator — somebody has to administer the program at the State level — but one of the beauties of this is that it recognizes and rewards local initiative and it encourages and facilitates collaborative efforts involving public and private partners. I think it is one of the best investments that we can make. If a year or so from now the line is long and we are asked or those who are here next session are asked to add to the \$15-million pot, so be it. We ought to be supporting success stories, and I think this can be one of the outstanding success stories at crime prevention in the Commonwealth.

I urge that we support HB 2626.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. Sainato.

Mr. SAINATO. Madam Speaker, I also rise to support HB 2626. For a long time we here in this House have been fighting crime and getting tough on crime in Pennsylvania. I am pleased to have been able to be part of that effort as we crack down on criminals, especially youth violence and youth crime. Today I think we are taking a very important step toward preventing youth crime, and that is prevention through helping our kids stay out of trouble.

This is a very good bill, Madam Speaker. For the amount of money we are going to invest in our communities, 67 counties throughout Pennsylvania, I think it will pay great dividends to us and savings in the long run — savings by not having children get into trouble, savings of not having to send children to detention centers, savings of not having children become criminals. I think this is what it is all about, Madam Speaker. We need to be tough on crime, we need to be smart on crime, and we have to look at ways of saving tax dollars in the long run. This bill does that, Madam Speaker.

I remember a few weeks ago we were debating safe-school legislation in Pennsylvania, something that affects every family in this Commonwealth, and I was pleased to participate in that debate, because we need safe schools in Pennsylvania and we must fight to make that one of our top priorities. Today we take preventive action in making sure that children do not get into trouble. This is a good bill; this is a good program, Madam Speaker. We have to have something for children to do so they stay out of trouble. Times are tough in many communities. Children are looking for things to do, and a lot of time, idle time, turns into mischief and problems. I think with this bill — giving activities for children, teaching them things, feeding them and giving them nutritious meals — is the right answer at the right time.

So I urge my colleagues in the House to support this bill. Let us do something for the children of Pennsylvania and let us do something to stop juvenile crime in Pennsylvania. This is the measure to do it, so I urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Warren County, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. LYNCH. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I actually cannot believe we are voting a bill like this. It seemed to me a year or two ago that we had a big gathering in Philadelphia where everybody that was renowned in this country came here to talk about volunteerism. It seems to me a week or two ago we just celebrated volunteerism week. Here is government again stepping in to do something, quote, "for the children." By God, we have to

vote for that, never mind the fact that volunteers could do this for nothing.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no." Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor, for the second time.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I probably was hopeful that this particular legislation would not generate a philosophical debate, because, frankly, I think that that is not necessary in this particular bill. This is not an either-or situation where we have to decide whether we are going to build prisons or we are going to take care of kids. But, yes, I think if the question is put out there, is this a new program, yes, it is. But if you had to narrow this issue down to its smallest denominator, I would say this, Madam Speaker: Do you have in your community people striving to keep children busy after school for all the right reasons? If you do, they need this kind of help because volunteerism alone will not be able to do it. We have an opportunity to put some money and some thought and some symbolism into prevention. I think we should do this. I ask for your vote.

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

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation from the gentleman from Philadelphia.

We had a hearing on this in Philadelphia that I attended, and it was well attended. There were obviously good reasons given for this legislation at that hearing, but beyond that, I just want to address some of the arguments that I have heard here today about how we should perhaps not be doing this legislation because we should be giving tax credits to people so they do not have to work instead and people should be volunteering to do this. It seems to me that not too long ago we did welfare reform legislation in this House that said people should be out working, and now today some people are saying, well, we did not really want them to go out and work because their kids would be alone after school; what we really wanted to do was to give them some money to stay at home. And it just does not seem to make sense.

I think we need to be consistent about our message. If our message is that we want people to go work and be productive citizens in this society, then we need to make sure that their children are protected while they are working, whether it be with adequate day care or whether it be with programs such as this that do not just benefit former welfare recipients but everyone in the community in terms of providing activities for children in the communities.

So I support this legislation, and I would hope we could get beyond some of the rhetoric we have heard here today and work for the children of Pennsylvania and our future. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—182

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

NAYS—15

Armstrong	Forcier	Lynch	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Hutchinson	McIlhattan	Wilt
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Rohrer	Yewcic
Egolf	Leh	Schroder	

NOT VOTING—2

Bishop	Civera
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EXCUSED—4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Perzel, who calls an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee.

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1304, PN 3896

By Rep. PERZEL

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for disposition of remains of a deceased party.

RULES.

SB 1013, PN 2210

By Rep. PERZEL

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), entitled Job Enhancement Act, further providing for definitions; further providing for job creation tax credits and prohibitions; further providing for Small Business First definitions, funds and accounts, loan eligibility and administration; further providing for family savings account definition and administration; providing for industrial development assistance; providing for community development bank grants and loans; providing for tax-exempt bond allocation; transferring assets; making appropriations; and making repeals.

RULES.

SB 1200, PN 2259 (Amended)

By Rep. PERZEL

An Act designating Route 581 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as the American Ex-Prisoners of War Highway; designating a section of the Bay Front Parkway in Erie County, Pennsylvania, as the Bernard (Benny) J. Dombrowski Memorial Highway; designating a section of Route 26 in Centre County, Pennsylvania, as the Nittany Parkway; designating a bridge in Bethel Township, Lebanon County, as the Senator Clarence F. Manbeck Bridge; designating the Mount Union Bypass in Huntingdon County as the James DiCosimo Bypass; designating a portion of Route 26 in Huntingdon County as the Standing Stone Parkway; designating a portion of State Route 0094 in York and Cumberland Counties as the 94th Infantry Division Memorial Highway; and designating a bridge in Chester County as the Ben Weaver Bridge.

RULES.

RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE

HR 550, PN 4048

By Rep. PERZEL

A Resolution establishing a Site Selection Committee for the identification of a suitable site for a State veterans' cemetery in western Pennsylvania.

RULES.

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

HB 2858, PN 4059 (Amended) By Rep. REINARD

An Act establishing Neighborhood Improvement Districts; conferring powers and duties on municipal corporations and neighborhood improvement districts; providing for annual audits; and making repeals.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

SB 491, PN 1989 By Rep. HASAY

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1996 (P.L.677, No.116), entitled Infrastructure Development Act, expanding the Infrastructure Development Program to include projects located on long-term vacant commercial sites; and providing for job retention.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SB 1385, PN 1997 By Rep. HASAY

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1972 (P.L.1280, No.284), entitled Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972, further providing for definitions; further providing, in the securities area, for registration, for exemptions, for registration by coordination, for registration in general, for registration sanctions, for records and for retroactive registration; providing for Federally covered securities; further providing, in the area of broker-dealers, agents and investment advisers, for registration, for exemptions, for registration procedure, for postregistration procedure, for registration sanctions; further providing for prohibitions, for contract requirements and for misrepresentations; providing for school district prohibitions; further providing for civil liability, for enforcement, for investigations and for criminal penalties; providing for barring activities and for rescission; further providing for fees, for assessments, for administrative files, for powers of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission and for regulations and orders; and canceling Federal preemption.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 1304, PN 3896**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for disposition of remains of a deceased party.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

POINT OF ORDER

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

Mr. LLOYD. Madam Speaker, a point of order.

Could you just suspend until we get these bills in front of us and we get the calendar, the supplemental calendar, in front of us so that we have some idea of what we are voting on.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The House will be at ease for a moment until supplemental calendar A is passed out.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette County, Mr. Roberts, on Senate amendments.

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, HB 1304 is a bill that left the House in the spring with a majority vote. At that time I had termed HB 1304 as "Bill's Law" because it was a bill that came about after the crash of USAir flight 427. I believe most of the members have heard from some of my constituents on this bill, and even though the Senate has made some changes to the bill, the language of the amendment is agreeable, and I would ask for a vote on concurrence. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate?

It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Roberts, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

Curry	Kirkland	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Krebs	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Laughlin	Rooney	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lawless	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Rublely	Zug
Dermody	Lescovitz	Sainato	
DeWeese	Levdanský	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Sather	Speaker

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NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to House amendments to **SB 1013, PN 2210**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), entitled Job Enhancement Act, further providing for definitions; further providing for job creation tax credits and prohibitions; further providing for Small Business First definitions, funds and accounts, loan eligibility and administration; further providing for family savings account definition and administration; providing for industrial development assistance; providing for community development bank grants and loans; providing for tax-exempt bond allocation; transferring assets; making appropriations; and making repeals.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

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

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I would like to interrogate the individual who is calling this bill up, please.

Mr. HASAY. Madam Speaker, I shall.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Hasay, agrees to the interrogation. You may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, can you tell me what conditions apply in order for a company to take advantage of this program? Are there any limitations? Is there anything—

Mr. HASAY. Madam Speaker, would the gentleman please restate his question?

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Could we please have some order. It is impossible to hear the questions that are being asked.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, what I am asking, since this statute would insist that the money be used for pollution prevention assistance

loans, are there any conditions whatsoever in this bill that would prevent known polluters, individuals that have been cited or are about to be cited, from taking advantage of utilizing this money so that they could abate a problem that they normally would not have abated if in fact this program was not at hand?

Mr. HASAY. No, Madam Speaker. There are no prohibitions in this legislation.

Mr. GEORGE. Well, do you, Madam Speaker, believe that it should be left where those that had violated, now who have been approached, saying, well, you know you are going to be cited; now you should take advantage, or should this be used for the prevention of pollution as the bill insists upon?

Mr. HASAY. What this will do with new businesses, this will help in that area, control pollution problems that duly exist.

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I know we are having a difficult time. I am just trying to ascertain whether, Madam Speaker, what I read here, if there are any controls, and the fine gentleman has admitted honestly that there are not, and therefore, Madam Speaker, if I may, I am concluded with my interrogation of Mr. Hasay.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, if I may, I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules so that I could intervene in placing an amendment in this fine bill that would not let those polluters take advantage of a good, worthwhile program that is there for prevention of pollution. That is what I would like to do.

So, Madam Speaker, I make a move that we suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Could we have an amendment number, please, Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. That amendment number is 4153, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Clearfield County moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering amendment 4153.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Hasay.

Mr. HASAY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I oppose the motion to suspend the rules at this time. This bill that came—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Hasay, would you cease just a moment. This issue is not debatable. Are you speaking on behalf of the leadership?

Mr. HASAY. I am speaking on behalf of the leadership, Madam Speaker, and we oppose the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you. You may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. George will cease.

The gentleman, Mr. Hasay, is recognized.

Mr. HASAY. To address the concerns of the gentleman from Clearfield, his concerns I think will have to be looked at in the next upcoming session. This bill deals with tax credits, with tax-exempt bond issues, community development bank that we— It is part of an economic development plan. It does not do anything to lessen our pollution standards and our pollution statutes. This is one of the

administration's programs to expand the tax credit and tax-exempt bond and community development bank program. They would like to get started on this right away for those deprived communities that need economic increases in their communities, and I would appreciate that we—

At this time, to my good friend, Mr. George, we just cannot support the motion to suspend the rules. Time is of the essence, and this bill needs to be sent to the Governor's Office immediately. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Has the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, yielded to Mr. George? The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Madam Speaker, I will not belabor or delay this, but embarrassingly, I have to take issue with the gentleman, Mr. Hasay, in that it does deal with prevention loans for companies that have less than 100 employees so that we can remove the possibility of any degradation, and all I am saying is, my amendment would allow those fine companies, the same as Mr. Hasay would insist upon, to be able to utilize these prevention moneys from being put into the hands of those that are under violation, have been cited, and are looking for a quick fix of State dollars to remediate their problem. That is all I am doing. I am not hurting the bill. I am just helping the companies that the bill insists ought to be helped, and I ask that we suspend the rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—94

Battisto	Dermody	Manderino	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	DeWeese	Markosek	Shaner
Belardi	Eachus	Mayernik	Staback
Belfanti	Evans	McCall	Steelman
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Stetler
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Sturla
Boscola	Gordner	Michlovic	Surra
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Mundy	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Caltagirone	Hanna	Olasz	Tigue
Cappabianca	Harhai	Oliver	Travaglio
Carn	Horsey	Pesci	Trello
Casorio	Itkin	Petrarca	Trich
Cawley	James	Petrone	Van Horn ^e
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Veon
Colafella	Josephs	Ramos	Vitali
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Readshaw	Walko
Corpora	Kirkland	Rieger	Washington
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Roberts	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Laughlin	Robinson	Williams, C.
Coy	Lescovitz	Rooney	Wojnaroski
Curry	Levdansky	Sainato	Yewcic
Daley	Lloyd	Santoni	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lucyk		

NAYS—104

Adolph	Fargo	Maitland	Schuler
Allen	Feese	Major	Semmel
Argall	Fichter	Marsico	Serafini
Armstrong	Fleagle	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Flick	McGill	Smith, B.
Bard	Forcier	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Geist	McNaughton	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Birmelin	Godshall	Miller	Stern
Boyes	Gruppo	Nailor	Stevenson

Browne	Habay	Nickol	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Hennessey	Phillips	True
Civera	Herman	Pippy	Tulli
Clark	Hershey	Platts	Vance
Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
Cornell	Jadlowiec	Reinard	Wogan
Dally	Keller	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Kenney	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Krebs	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lawless	Sather	
Druce	Leh	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Lynch	Schroder	Speaker
Fairchild	Maher		

NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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 concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. James.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to speak against the bill. I am concerned about the fact that they want to take \$5 million out of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority and transfer it to small business, and I just have a concern. It just seems that when there is money designated and funds designated for disadvantaged and distressed communities and minority business, that they seem to want to take it away. Yes, we met with some of the department officials, and they say that we can work with you as we promulgate regulations and we can try and work it out, but I think it is better if we have it worked out in the beginning.

I am just disappointed. I understand in the Rules Committee that all we talked about was trying to ensure what is going to happen with the \$5 million, and I understand the Rules Committee refused to make any amendments. So we just want to make sure that we are talking about maybe adding some language that would ensure that minorities do not lose this advantage and this opportunity and that the \$5 million just is not dissipated.

So I would just hope that somehow, instead of us going later on and talking about this is what we meant when we did this, if we can come up with something today and put something in the regulations or in the bill up front, that is what I would hope, and if not, I would oppose the bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Lescovitz.

Mr. LESCOVITZ. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, SB 1013 does a lot of good things. It has some job creation tax credits for small businesses. It also provides for job creation tax credits; it deals with a lot of Small Business First

programs, but, Madam Speaker, SB 1013 does not include a provision which has been in law since 1974.

Under SB 1013, as the previous speaker stated, it eliminates the Minority Business Loan Program. Pennsylvania's Minority Business Loan Program has been in existence since 1974. According to the Wall Street Journal back in 1992, the statements say that minority businesses indicated that obtaining capital or assets, assets to credit, was the most significant problem to minority businesses. In the Delaware Valley, minority businesses are the fourth largest private employer. They generate over \$5.5 billion a year. In Philadelphia there are over 11,000 minority businesses generating almost \$700 million a year and a payroll of over \$85 million. Minority businesses in Pennsylvania employ more than 55,000 employees. States that surround the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania — New York, Maryland, Ohio, and New Jersey — all have minority business loan programs, a revolving fund that we currently have now in Pennsylvania. SB 1013 eliminates that Minority Business Loan Program.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. LESCOVITZ. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to suspend the rules to offer amendment A4032, which would continue a minority business loan program here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for a \$5-million revolving loan account specifically for minority businesses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Lescovitz, has made a motion for suspension of the rules in order to offer amendment 4032.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, has deferred to the gentleman, Mr. Hasay. You may proceed.

Mr. HASAY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I respect the gentleman from Washington County and respect his interest in what he wants to do, but at this time, Madam Speaker, because of the timing and the importance to get this bill through now before our last days in this lame-duck session, it is important that we vote on this bill now, get it over with. The gentleman's issue that he has before him now should be brought up with the next session in January, and unfortunately, I will have to oppose my friend, Chairman Lescovitz' motion to suspend the rules and ask for a "no" vote. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, defers to the gentleman, Mr. Lescovitz, on the suspension motion only.

Mr. LESCOVITZ. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As I stated before, what this amendment does is just put a \$5-million revolving loan account under the Minority Business Loan Program. This program has been in existence since 1974. Every State around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania — New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio — all have a minority business loan program. This is not a giveaway program. It is a revolving fund that moneys come back to the Commonwealth. Minority businesses, as I stated earlier, employ over 55,000 people in Pennsylvania. In Delaware they are the fourth largest private employer, in the Delaware Valley area.

Madam Speaker, what this amendment does also is to add language to require that the department promulgate guidelines to ensure an area's loan organization does not charge excess fees and provides that quarterly reports be provided to the Appropriations Committee and to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Madam Speaker, what I am trying to do with this amendment is to save the Minority Business Loan Program—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Lescovitz, should be speaking on suspension only, not on the content of the proposed amendment.

Mr. LESCOVITZ. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Without us suspending the rules to provide for this amendment, we will be eliminating — eliminating — the Minority Business Loan Program in Pennsylvania, and I would appreciate your support for suspension of the rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—95

Battisto	DeWeese	Lucyk	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Donatucci	Manderino	Shaner
Belardi	Eachus	Markosek	Staback
Belfanti	Evans	Mayernik	Steelman
Blaum	George	McCall	Stetler
Boscola	Gigliotti	McGeehan	Sturla
Butkovitz	Gordner	Melio	Surra
Buxton	Gruitza	Michlovic	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Haluska	Mundy	Thomas
Cappabianca	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Carn	Harhai	Olasz	Travaglio
Casorio	Horsey	Oliver	Trello
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Cohen, M.	James	Petrarca	Van Horne
Colafella	Jarolin	Petrone	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	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yewcic
DeLuca	Levdansky	Sainato	Youngblood
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	

NAYS—103

Adolph	Fargo	Maitland	Schuler
Allen	Feese	Major	Semmel
Argall	Fichter	Marsico	Serafini
Armstrong	Fleagle	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Flick	McGill	Smith, B.
Bard	Forcier	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Geist	McNaughton	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Birmelin	Godshall	Miller	Stern
Boyes	Gruppo	Nailor	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Nickol	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Hennessey	Phillips	True
Civera	Herman	Pippy	Tulli
Clark	Hershey	Platts	Vance
Clymer	Hess	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Reber	Wilt
Cornell	Jadlowiec	Reinard	Wogan

Dally	Kenney	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Krebs	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Lawless	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Leh	Sather	
Druce	Lynch	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Maher	Schroder	Speaker
Fairchild			

NOT VOTING—1

Bishop

EXCUSED—4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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 concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On SB 1013, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Warren County, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. LYNCH. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I was wondering if the majority chair of the Banking and Commerce Committee might answer a few questions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. LYNCH. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Mr. HASAY. Certainly.

Mr. LYNCH. In the synopsis I have here, Madam Speaker, it appears that prior to the Senate amendments, that there were \$15 million of tax credits in here for small businesses of 26 or fewer employees. Is that correct?

Mr. HASAY. It is my understanding that is correct.

Mr. LYNCH. Now, I would assume that when that number was created, that there was some kind of a logic that that \$15 million applied to those number of companies, that there was some kind of a logical relationship there.

Mr. HASAY. Madam Speaker, it was \$15 million, and it got raised to \$20 million. That is in statute, the Small Business Loan Program that we have now presently, and it was the intentions of both caucuses to increase that level because of the need out there for business expansion and growth.

Mr. LYNCH. Okay. I think I understood you, but the \$15 million was in statute—

Mr. HASAY. Yes.

Mr. LYNCH.—for companies of 26 or less.

Mr. HASAY. I cannot hear him.

Mr. LYNCH. For companies of 26 or less.

Mr. HASAY. Yes.

Mr. LYNCH. Let me get to the crux of my question here, okay? If \$15 million is suitable for companies of 26 or less, why would only \$5 million more pick up all the companies from 26 to 100? I mean, there does not seem to be an equal relationship. I think we have a problem here, and what I am leading to is, does that mean that the bigger companies are going to be first in line as opposed to the smaller companies to get the tax credit?

Mr. HASAY. Madam Speaker, that was agreed to in the budget by the caucuses, Madam Speaker, both the House and Senate.

Mr. LYNCH. That is fine, Madam Speaker, and I appreciate the fact that it was agreed to in budget, in caucus, whatever. But the fact of the matter is, it appears that we have some impropriety here in the amount of the increase versus who is going to be able to get that dollar amount, and my concern is that the companies that are upwards of 100 are going to have more clout and maybe be more able to eat up that \$20 million as opposed to those that are 26 or less.

Mr. HASAY. Madam Speaker, I think you want to address the issue next session. I think I am losing my hearing as well. It just seems, with the new ceiling, it seems to be bouncing off the gold leaf.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The House will come to order, please. Conferences on the floor, please break up.

Mr. Hasay.

Mr. HASAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of the administration to go further and increase the appropriation next session because of the need and the growth for small business loan applications, Mr. Speaker. So that is a commitment and that is a statute that we need to look at and to increase next session. But right now it is important that we move on this legislation and get this legislation into statute now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LYNCH. I am not going to run on about this, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate what you are saying. However, I want to go on record as saying that I think that there is a problem here, and I think that the small businesses, those at 26 or under, are going to get screwed. The bottom line: I think that is what is going to happen here.

Mr. HASAY. Well, it is an increase from the appropriation previously.

Mr. LYNCH. You are looking at a 33-percent increase, yet you are increasing the number of companies by who knows how much.

Mr. HASAY. Well, Mr. Speaker, there is a lot more we would like to do, but sometimes we cannot do everything at once. You understand that.

Mr. LYNCH. I understand.

Mr. Speaker, I am through with my interrogation. I just wanted to bring this up, and I want to get myself put on record, I guess, and let anybody else out there think about this, that maybe, hey, there is a problem here; maybe we need to look at this a little bit harder, okay?

I have ended my interrogation. I have no comments, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Does the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas, desire recognition? The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, would the author of this bill be willing to stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Hasay, has been responding to interrogation and indicates he will again stand for it. You may begin.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have two concerns. My first concern is, what provisions exist in SB 1013 to help the thousands of female-owned businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that receive almost less than 1 percent of business activity from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Mr. HASAY. Would the gentleman repeat the question, please?

Mr. THOMAS. Yes. My question is, since— Well, my question is, what provisions in SB 1013 will help the thousands of female women-owned businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that currently receive less than 1 percent of any business activity from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Mr. HASAY. Mr. Speaker, yes, it will increase that. Even the new program, the community development bank, will help female applicants as well, and so will the increase in the appropriations from the small business program, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it will. It answers that, and so therefore, you should vote "yes" for this bill, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. THOMAS. Now, the reason I asked that is because I did not see anywhere in the bill — and I thought I digested the bill pretty well — I did not see anywhere in the bill any provisions designed to help the female-owned businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are struggling to just participate.

Mr. HASAY. That is true, Mr. Speaker. You are right in that respect, but the regulations for the community development bank eligibility regulations, they have not been written as of yet until we establish the community development banks in the economically deprived areas of this Commonwealth. So this is important—

Mr. THOMAS. So you are providing me assurances that you will use your influence as much as possible to make sure that when those regulations are developed, that they will allow for substantial participation of the thousands of female-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

Mr. HASAY. Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I will look forward to working personally with you when it comes to that time period.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my second concern runs to, since SB 1013 takes money out of and really strips the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority and moves it into SB 1013, what provisions contained in the bill will assist the large growing number of African-American-owned and other minority-owned businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that currently provide a huge base of employment opportunities for people throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Mr. HASAY. Mr. Speaker, it helps all small businesses. It does not describe any type of race or religion or anything like that. It is for all small businesses, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. THOMAS. And I guess my last concern, which you might not be able to answer, but I notice that one of the architects of SB 1013 is a former House member, now Senator Vincent Hughes, and I was wondering, when this bill was originally created, did Senator Hughes know that the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority was going to be stripped of its funding and placed into this bill?

Mr. HASAY. Mr. Speaker, this bill was passed unanimously in the Senate.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you. So I guess Senator Hughes did know about the removal of this funding.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Mr. Speaker, may I interrogate the defender of this bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Hasay, will—

Mr. HASAY. I would certainly be happy to answer questions, Mr. Speaker, but I am not the author.

The SPEAKER. You understand this is a Senate bill.

Mr. HORSEY. Right; I said the gentleman who is defending the bill.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Hasay will stand for interrogation.

Mr. HORSEY. Yes. Mr. Speaker, it mentions on the bill itself "INTRODUCED BY..." and it mentions the Senators, and then underneath it says "SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS." Mr. Speaker, is this the original bill? Where did this bill originate? Can you give me a brief history on the bill itself?

Mr. HASAY. This bill, Mr. Speaker, when it left our version from the House, it went over to the Senate, was changed, amended into Senator Punt's bill, and then further amended in the Senate Rules Committee, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. HORSEY. So it did leave our chamber as a House bill—

Mr. HASAY. Yes.

Mr. HORSEY. —and it was amended—

Mr. HASAY. Into Senator Punt's bill.

Mr. HORSEY. —as a Senate bill.

Mr. HASAY. Yes.

Mr. HORSEY. So a person may have signed on in the Senate and, with the changes, may not have been able to be privy to removing or adding names? I mean, can you comment on that, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. HASAY. Mr. Speaker, yes. The bill was voted for unanimously in the Senate in this form.

Mr. HORSEY. It was unanimously voted, but this is not the bill that left the House. Is that true, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. HASAY. You are exactly correct, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, may I have the floor for comment on this particular bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. HORSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am at a loss here, Mr. Speaker, because while the bill does take money from the Minority Business—

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The Chair apologizes for failing to recognize the Government Relations Institute students from the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, who I believe are just walking out the door of the balcony, and we want to say hello, and I apologize for the delay. They are here today as the guests of Mrs. Vance.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1013 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. I apologize to you, too, Mr. Horsey, for interrupting.

Mr. HORSEY. That is okay, Mr. Speaker.

While we are giving tax deductions and reductions and rebates to corporations in this State and companies and businesses with a

simple \$26 million, I am at a loss as to why 5 or 10 additional million dollars could not have been added to secure the minority businessmen's commission. I am at a loss, Mr. Speaker, unless there is an intentional effort by persons in this administration to remove this particular minority business loan corporation, just phase it out, and if so, I understand, but do not do it on the sly. Just have one or two sheets of legislation that call for the abolition of the organization, and we can deal with it on that level. But to create a 50-page bill and try to do it surreptitiously, there is something wrong with that process, Mr. Speaker, and I would urge for a "no" vote on this Senate bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The question recurs, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate to House amendments? On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. James.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill. You know, like I said earlier in my comments, they may be wanting to sit down and talk and work with us to work out some regulations, but I think it should be up front in the bill to start with. So therefore, I am urging that we vote "no" on this bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just reinforce the comments of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Chairman James. I think that the nub of the issue is that there is not a guarantee. I think, quite frankly, an issue like this is what separates Democrats from Republicans.

I think that minority businesses in Maryland and New York and several of our neighboring States will be put at an advantage with neighboring Pennsylvania minority businesses. So if all those comments that we have heard since time immemorial from the other side of the aisle, the Republican side of the aisle, and most importantly from the Ridge administration, if the Ridge administration wants to help minority businesses in Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, this is the opportunity to do it.

We are going to have minority businesses, sir, in New York and New Jersey and Ohio and Maryland that are going to have an advantage over minority businesses in Pennsylvania. We hear all this stuff from the Ridge administration during the campaign about helping small businesses, helping the Pennsylvania business community. We have got thousands and thousands, I believe 13,000 minority businesses in Pennsylvania, that are going to be put at a disadvantage, Mr. Speaker, with minority businesses in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Ohio.

This is a bad vote, Mr. Speaker, and I would think that the gentleman that preceded me is correct, and I will support him with a negative vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-125

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sather
Allen	Fichter	Markosek	Saylor
Argall	Fleagle	Marsico	Schroder
Baker	Flick	Masland	Schuler
Bard	Forcier	Mayernik	Semmel
Barley	Gannon	McGill	Serafini
Barrar	Geist	McIlhattan	Seyfert
Battisto	Gladeck	McIlhinney	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Godshall	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Gruitza	Micozzie	Snyder, D. W.
Boscola	Gruppo	Miller	Stairs
Boyes	Habay	Mundy	Steil
Browne	Haluska	Nailor	Stern
Bunt	Hanna	Nickol	Stetler
Caltagirone	Harhart	O'Brien	Stevenson
Carone	Hasay	Olasz	Surra
Casorio	Hennessey	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
Chadwick	Herman	Petrone	Taylor, J.
Civera	Hershey	Phillips	True
Clark	Hess	Pippy	Tulli
Clymer	Hutchinson	Platts	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Waugh
Cornell	Jarolin	Raymond	Wilt
Corrigan	Kaiser	Readshaw	Wogan
Dally	Kenney	Reber	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Krebs	Reinard	Yewcic
Dent	LaGrotta	Roberts	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lawless	Rohrer	Zug
Druce	Leh	Ross	
Egolf	Lynch	Rubley	Ryan,
Fairchild	Maher	Sainato	Speaker
Fargo	Maitland	Santoni	

NAYS-69

Armstrong	DeLuca	Levdansky	Steelman
Bebko-Jones	Dermody	Lloyd	Sturla
Belardi	DeWeese	Lucyk	Tangretti
Belfanti	Donatucci	Manderino	Thomas
Blaum	Evans	McCall	Tigue
Butkovitz	George	McGeehan	Travaglio
Buxton	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Trello
Cappabianca	Gordner	Myers	Trich
Carn	Harhai	Oliver	Van Home
Cawley	Horsey	Pesci	Veon
Cohen, M.	Itkin	Petrarca	Vitali
Colaifella	James	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Josephs	Robinson	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Rooney	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Scrimenti	Williams, C.
Coy	Laughlin	Shaner	Wojnaroski
Curry	Lescovitz	Staback	Youngblood
Daley			

NOT VOTING-5

Bishop	Melio	Rieger	Strittmatter
Eachus			

EXCUSED-4

Lederer	Orie	Pistella	Roebuck
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments to House amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady from Beaver, Mrs. Laughlin.

Mrs. LAUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules to call up HR 550.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION

Mrs. LAUGHLIN called up **HR 550, PN 4048**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing a Site Selection Committee for the identification of a suitable site for a State veterans' cemetery in western Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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

DeLuca	Lawless	Ross	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Sainato	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Santoni	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Saylor	Speaker
Donatucci	Lynch	Schroder	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

Bishop Evans

EXCUSED—4

Lederer Orié Pistella Roebuck

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

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Wilt, rise?

Mr. WILT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In order to correct the record—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

Members, please take your seats; please.

Mr. WILT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, to correct the record on HB 2258, amendment 3933. I was recorded as not voting. I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. WILT. And secondly, Mr. Speaker, during the break, the legislative break, a letter to the editor that I authored was published by my local newspaper, and that letter contained comments about another member here on the floor. I would like to today say that I should not have made such comments about my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and would like to specifically apologize to the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Lawless.

Now, this letter was clearly an error of judgment made in the heat of the defense of our political system. After I reread the letter, Mr. Speaker, I realized that I made a mistake. Today I received a letter suggesting that I apologize to the gentleman in front of my colleagues, and I stand here today and tell you that is the right thing to do, and I hope that my apology is accepted by the gentleman.

I thank you and the members of the floor for their indulgence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Lawless.

Mr. LAWLESS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we all do things sometimes we regret, and I accept the apology.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Mr. Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Mr. Speaker, could I correct the record, please?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will make his correction.

Mr. MELIO. On SB 1013, I would like to be recorded in the negative, please.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. THOMAS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to rise to commend the gentleman for being a man, acknowledging that a mistake was made, and apologizing for it, and I hope and trust that his conduct becomes a standard which all of us will adhere to.

We all make mistakes, but when we make mistakes, it is important that we stand up and acknowledge that mistake and offer an apology, an appropriate relief for the mistake. So I want to commend the gentleman for making the apology and commend the other gentleman for accepting the apology. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the House, there will be no further recorded votes.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to correct the record.

On HB 1443 my vote was not recorded. I would like that to be recorded in the affirmative, please.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 2085 and HB 2858 be taken 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 2085 and HB 2858 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 1304, PN 3896

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for disposition of remains of a deceased party.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Strittmatter.

Mr. STRITTMATTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to be recorded in the affirmative on SB 1013. Thank you.

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

Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to be recorded in the negative on SB 1013. My vote was not recorded.

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

BILL AND RESOLUTION PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Does the majority leader have any further business? Does the Democratic leader have any further business?

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

Mr. CASORIO. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Chair.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 5:51 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.