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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, the Democratic leadership has requested an additional half hour to conclude their caucus. Under the circumstances, I have agreed to postpone the opening of the session until 11:30. It is my intention to open at 11:30 sharp. We have a presentation here today that we want all of the members to be on the floor for, and accordingly, I am requesting that members of the Democrat Caucus be advised that at 11:30 I expect to see them on the floor as a matter of courtesy.

The House will stand at ease. Well, the House not having been opened, do whatever you want for a half an hour.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

The Chair is pleased to recognize certain guests of the gentleman from Clearfield, Mr. George. The Clearfield Future Farmers of America are visiting here today. They are under the guidance of Miss Carr. They are seated in the balcony, and I understand you are shortly leaving the Capitol Building, so we will welcome you at this time. Welcome to the Harrisburg Capitol.

The House will stand at ease.

The House will come to order. Members, please report to the floor now; members, please report to the floor. Would a member of the Democratic staff in their office advise their caucus that we wish to begin.

PRAYER

REV. JULIANN PUGH, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Sovereign God, creator of this spinning globe, peopled by humankind, all of whom You love, hear us on this new day.

We live in a time that is potentially fearsome and dangerous. I pray for these our Representatives that they will seek to help create a world of harmony and peace, replacing the world of injustice and war.

Look upon this land, O God; behold the achievement of Your people America. From early days we carried Your Word; we sang Your song as we cleared the wilderness. Royalty across the sea scoffed at the rebels in buckskin; learned ones scorned our preachers on horseback. Now the whole earth gazes in envy; both the weak and the mighty seek our shores.

O God, the warehouses are full; the storage shelves bend with weight. The merchants' appeals are a wonder to all peoples; their songs are on our lips. Scraps from our tables amaze the hungry; heaps of discards tower above us. Vehicles pass in endless parade. The murmur of the highway is a lullaby.

Yet voices assail us from every side; headlines warn of tomorrow's sorrows. They ask whether dead fish swim and spawn or the unemployed laugh. The fields hold but a handsbreadth of topsoil; the rest is gone in the air and the water. What do we owe for days of plenty? We have planted chemicals and grown poisons. Our enemies remind us of the mushroom shadow that hides the sun. And our children are dismayed; their sleep is consumed by dreams of a broken future. When everything is gone, in the cold silence You are there; before and after, You alone. Which of the empires has endured?

Yet along the ghost of greatness, an upright people might stand. Draw near to us, O God, that we may be restored. Make every person in authority an agent of Your reconciliation and every diplomat an ambassador of hope. May You overrule human willfulness so that people may agree and settle claims peacefully. Hold back those who are impulsive, lest desire for personal gain overwhelm our common welfare. Lead us all into the path of peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.

Hear this our common prayer. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, March 13, 2000, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2325 By Representatives DAILEY, BAKER, FEESE, FICHTER, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, MELIO, S. MILLER, NAILOR, RAYMOND, SEYFERT, SHANER, S. H. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STEVENSON, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, MUNDY, WILT, CLARK and ROSS

An Act providing for a designated percentage of tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement funds to be utilized for home-based health care services.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 14, 2000.

No. 2326 By Representatives FEESE, BAKER, BARRAR, CIVERA, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FORCIER, GEIST, GODSHALL, GORDNER, HENNESSEY, HESS, JOSEPHS, LEH, LUCYK, MAJOR, McCALL, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, ROHRER, SATHER, SAYLOR, SEYFERT, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRELLO, TULLI, WALKO and WILT

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, March 14, 2000.

No. 2327 By Representatives FEESE, BAKER, BELFANTI, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, DALLY, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FLICK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GORDNER, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, MANDERINO, ORIE, ROHRER, ROSS, SAMUELSON, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, S. H. SMITH, STEIL, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, ROBERTS, FARGO, RUBLEY and R. MILLER

An Act establishing the Consolidated Statute Committee; and providing for a program of consolidating statutes.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 14, 2000.

No. 2328 By Representatives FEESE, CAWLEY, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, GEIST, GODSHALL, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HESS, LEH, MAJOR, McILHINNEY, S. MILLER, ORIE, ROSS, SATHER, SAYLOR, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRELLO, TULLI, WALKO, WILT, FARGO, RUBLEY, WOGAN and HARHAI

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for forfeiture relating to intestate succession.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 14, 2000.

No. 2329 By Representatives SCHULER, ARMSTRONG, ZIMMERMAN, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CIVERA, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COY, DALEY, FEESE, FICHTER, FLICK, FORCIER, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MAITLAND, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MASLAND, S. MILLER, MYERS, NAILOR, ORIE, PIPPY, ROSS, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, B. SMITH, SNYDER, STABACK, SURRA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TRUE, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, ROBERTS, SHANER and FARGO

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 per capita taxes.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 14, 2000.

No. 2330 By Representatives ARMSTRONG, BARD, BASTIAN, CHADWICK, CLYMER, L. I. COHEN, CORNELL, DEMPSEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, HERSHEY, LEH, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MARSICO, MASLAND, McILHINNEY, METCALFE, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, NAILOR, REINARD, ROHRER, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCHULER, SEYFERT, STEIL, STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE, VANCE, WILT, ZIMMERMAN and ZUG

An Act providing that employment shall not be conditional upon membership or nonmembership in, nor upon the payment or nonpayment of money to, a labor organization; and providing for bargaining, penalties and remedies.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 14, 2000.

No. 2331 By Representatives ARMSTRONG, THOMAS, BENNINGHOFF, CAWLEY, CLARK, COSTA, DAILEY, FLICK, GEORGE, HALUSKA, LEH, MAHER, MAITLAND, MICHLOVIC, R. MILLER, ORIE, RAYMOND, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SEYFERT, SOLOBAY, STEELMAN, STEVENSON, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, M. COHEN, OLIVER, ROEBUCK and BISHOP

An Act providing for a streamlined sales tax system.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 14, 2000.

No. 2332 By Representatives LYNCH, HUTCHINSON, CAWLEY, CLARK, DALEY, DALLY, HENNESSEY, PISTELLA, RAMOS, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, SHANER, STEELMAN, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for payments for burial expenses; and making a repeal.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 14, 2000.

No. 2333 By Representatives METCALFE, BENNINGHOFF, ROHRER, FARGO, EGOLF, ARMSTRONG, BARRAR, BIRMELIN, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, DAILEY, DeLUCA, FORCIER, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERSHEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, KENNEY, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LUCYK, MAHER, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, ORIE, PETRARCA, PIPPY, PLATTS, ROBERTS, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRELLO, WASHINGTON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI and YEWIC

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for "Choose Life" registration plate.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 14, 2000.

No. 2334 By Representatives BELFANTI, PIPPY, THOMAS, J. TAYLOR, GIGLIOTTI, FAIRCHILD, LUCYK, HARHAI, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, STEELMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, FICHTER, HORSEY, YUDICHAK, VAN HORNE, WILLIAMS, MELIO, LEDERER, BEBKO-JONES, TIGUE, M. COHEN, HALUSKA, McCALL, MANDERINO, PLATTS, BELARDI, SCRIMENTI, RAMOS, CURRY, FREEMAN, JOSEPHS, WALKO, GEORGE, L. I. COHEN, MAHER, DeWEESE, SATHER, GODSHALL, LAUGHLIN, READSHAW, GORDNER, PESCI, McGEEHAN, TRELLO, KENNEY, STURLA, MUNDY and KIRKLAND

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1234, No.204), known as the Family Caregiver Support Act, further providing for reimbursement.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 14, 2000.

No. 2335 By Representatives STAIRS, COLAFELLA, HERMAN, McILHATTAN, SCHULER, STEVENSON, WILLIAMS, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BUNT, M. COHEN, COY, FARGO, FICHTER, GEIST, GEORGE, HARHAI, HESS, HUTCHINSON, LEH, MELIO, R. MILLER, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, SHANER, B. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, TULLI, WOJNAROSKI and VAN HORNE

An Act to promote the education and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide educational facilities at public schools, nonprofit private schools, nonprofit institutions of higher education and cultural institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide short-term loans for working capital; establishing the Pennsylvania Educational Facilities Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to finance, refinance, acquire, construct, improve, equip, furnish, operate, lease, and dispose of projects and provide short-term loans; authorizing authorized borrowers to enter into loan agreements to lease and other debt instruments; authorizing and regulating the issuance of notes and bonds and the payment thereof by the authority; granting the right of eminent domain; providing that no debt, obligation or credit of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this act; transferring the rights, assets, powers, duties, liabilities and responsibilities of the State Public School Building Authority and the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority to the Pennsylvania Educational Facilities Authority; and making repeals.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 14, 2000.

No. 2336 By Representatives STAIRS, COLAFELLA, FLEAGLE, NAILOR, STEVENSON, GRUCELA, MUNDY, ARGALL, BARD, BATTISTO, BOYES, BROWNE, CLARK, M. COHEN, DeLUCA, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GEIST, HARHAI, HESS, KENNEY, MASLAND, McGILL, MELIO, PIPPY, RAYMOND, ROSS, SATHER, S. H. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, VAN HORNE, WILT, YUDICHAK, ZUG and MICOZZIE

An Act establishing a program for obtaining information from school districts in a uniform manner to permit statistical comparison; imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Education, the Auditor General and the various school districts; and providing for financial penalties for noncompliance.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 14, 2000.

No. 2337 By Representatives MELIO, DRUCE, READSHAW, BELFANTI, M. COHEN, DeLUCA, HARHAI, LAWLESS, LEH, McILHATTAN, MICOZZIE, RAYMOND, S. H. SMITH, TRUE and CORRIGAN

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, repealing provisions allowing candidates for the office of school board to cross file.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 14, 2000.

No. 2338 By Representatives MELIO, GEIST, WOJNAROSKI, NAILOR, FLICK, HENNESSEY, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, CASORIO, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, COSTA, HARHAI, SOLOBAY, WILLIAMS, WILT and WOGAN

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 14, 2000.

No. 2339 By Representatives PISTELLA, SAMUELSON, SCHULER, YUDICHAK, GRUCELA, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPABIANCA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HERMAN, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, THOMAS, VAN HORNE, VEON, WALKO, WATERS, WILLIAMS, JOSEPHS, WOJNAROSKI, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, McCALL, MELIO, MYERS, ROONEY and SANTONI

An Act providing for a child day-care consumer guide.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 14, 2000.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 394 By Representatives HENNESSEY, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BARD, BELARDI, BELFANTI,

BROWNE, CAWLEY, CIVERA, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DAILEY, DALLY, DeWEESE, FARGO, FEESE, FICHTER, FLICK, GEIST, GODSHALL, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARHART, HERMAN, HERSHEY, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LEDERER, LUCYK, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MAYERNIK, McCALL, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICOZZIE, R. MILLER, MUNDY, ORIE, PESCI, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PIPPY, RAYMOND, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STERN, STURLA, SURRA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TRUE, WALKO, WILLIAMS, WILT, WOGAN, WRIGHT, YUDICHAK and LAUGHLIN

A Resolution urging the Department of Public Welfare to increase the cap on energy crisis grant funding assistance for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 14, 2000.

No. 395 By Representatives FEESE, BAKER, CAPPABIANCA, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLARK, CLYMER, FAIRCHILD, FLICK, GANNON, GEIST, HENNESSEY, KENNEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MASLAND, NAILOR, NICKOL, ORIE, PHILLIPS, ROSS, SATHER, SCHRODER, SCHULER, S. H. SMITH, STERN, STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WILT, FARGO, R. MILLER and RUBLEY

A Resolution directing the Ethics Committee to conduct an investigation and to make a report recommending amendments to the Rules of the House of Representatives concerning the establishment of procedures for the expulsion of members subject to section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the appropriate definition of certain terms.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 14, 2000.

No. 397 By Representatives BAKER, BUNT, STAIRS, SCHULER, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BELFANTI, CAPPABIANCA, CHADWICK, CLARK, CLYMER, M. COHEN, DALEY, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FEESE, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, JOSEPHS, LEH, LESCOVITZ, MAJOR, McCALL, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, R. MILLER, NICKOL, ORIE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PLATTS, READSHAW, ROSS, SATHER, SAYLOR, SEYFERT, SOLOBAY, STERN, TANGRETTI, TRICH, TRUE, WILT, WOJNAROSKI and ZUG

A Resolution directing the Committee on Education to study the effects of Act 36 of 1999 on vocational agriculture programs in school districts.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 14, 2000.

SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following resolution for concurrence:

SR 143, PN 1710

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 14, 2000.

SENATE MESSAGE

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate
March 13, 2000

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 20, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 20, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. McNaughton, advises me that there were a number of students observing from the gallery at the start of the session this morning, the Center for Youth Leadership in Law and Government students. I believe they are still with us. These students represent 10 school districts here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Would the students please rise. Oh, there they are.

The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guests of Representative Bruce Smith, Rachael Boone, a seventh grade student from Northern Middle School, and Christiane Moore, a seventh grade student at the Lower Allen Middle School. Would these students please rise. They are in the front of the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Bastian, who wants to take the opportunity to introduce guests of his.

Mr. BASTIAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have with us a large contingent of FFA members, and we have six from the Meyersdale Area School District. They are sitting in the gallery. I would like to have them rise as I mention their names. The teacher is Jim Stutzman. The students are Sara Hoover, Heidi Knopsnyder, Stacey Miller,

Mary Ann Diehl, Josh Slifco, and Jarred Hillegass. Let us give them a round of applause for being here, FFA.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guest of Representatives Benninghoff and Vance, Matt Snyder, who resides in Cumberland County and is a student at East Pennsboro, serving as a guest page today. He is the son of John and Launa Snyder from Camp Hill, Cumberland County, and the grandson of Jackie Fisher from Lewistown, Mifflin County. Would this gentleman please rise. Matt. There we are.

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

HB 13, PN 3121 (Amended)

By Rep. HERMAN

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for the purpose of the act; adding certain definitions; further providing for various matters relating to the comprehensive plan and for compliance by counties; providing for funding for municipal planning; providing for neighboring municipalities, for infrastructure and public services and for county review; further providing for certain ordinances; adding provisions relating to projects of regional impact; and providing for traditional neighborhood development.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT BY MR. DALEY

The SPEAKER. Mr. Daley, you requested unanimous consent to address the House. Are your remarks brief, or are they going to be extended?

Mr. DALEY. They are brief.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized. Will the gentleman yield.

Mr. Daley is about to speak under unanimous consent. Conferences on the floor, please break up.

Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have been in the legislature for 18 years. This is my 18th year, and I have never felt compelled to knee-jerk react, to jump up, on any particular issue that a member may have said in any committee meeting, but I think that something that was spoken recently by a member of the legislature needs to be addressed, and I think that there needs to be some sort of response made on this floor.

Mr. Speaker, I look over a long list of members of the General Assembly, in the House and the Senate, that have graduated from the State System of Higher Education, I being one of those, and all of those members are very distinguished here. All those individuals put in time in the State System, you know, and I believe that words hurt. We in the State System have worked several years to try to improve the image of the State System of Higher Education, and I think at a recent Appropriations hearing, some disparaging comments that were made by the gentelady from the 148th District in Montgomery County concerning the graduates of that State System of Higher Education need to be responded to.

I am offended. I take exception to those comments. I graduated from California University of Pennsylvania. I was president of the student congress there. I was the first student trustee. I received a master's in political science. I was not born of an affluent family. I could not afford private education, as many of you, as many of our colleagues in the House and the Senate.

I went on to receive a master's from Pitt and a J.D. (doctor of jurisprudence) from Widener, a private school, and I attended classes at the University of Pennsylvania, a private school. But my roots go back to the State System of Higher Education.

When the comment was made concerning the students not being prepared from the State System of Higher Education, I would like to point out that in the 148th District, currently there are 143 students that are in that State System of Higher Education and 924 graduate alumni in that district. Statewide we have 95,000 students currently in the State System of Higher Education and 340,000 Pennsylvania alumni today.

I think the comments generated around 56 percent of the students in the State System go on to graduate after 6 years. Well, nationally 26 percent of all the college students do not return, by the way, in their sophomore year, and the State System averages, by the way, 24 percent. Nationally 56 percent of those students that attend a Division I institution graduate with 6 years compared to 43 percent of the students in Division II. The State System is Division II. Our graduation rate is 56 percent, just like the national average for Division I.

By the way, let us talk about some of the other wonderful institutions around the nation, the public universities: Ohio State University, 56 percent; University of Massachusetts, 57 percent; University of Rhode Island, 55 percent; Kentucky, 51; Tennessee, 56; and Indiana, 37. And how about the private schools in Pennsylvania: Drexel, 57 percent; La Roche, 54 percent; Wilson, 49; Alvernia, 42; and on and on and on.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, I was not born with a silver spoon. I was not born of privileged class. I had to work myself through school like many of you had. Nearly one-fourth of the students attending private colleges are from families whose annual income exceeds \$100,000, yet only 12 percent of the State System students have similar family backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, could I have some order?

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The conference over on the side aisle will please break up. Members of staff not involved in matters before the House should really be seated or go to another room, both sides, staff of both caucuses.

Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Nearly 25 percent of the State System students reportedly work more than 20 hours per week while attending college, while only 17 percent of the private college students do. Nearly one-third of the private college students reported not working at all, while only 19 percent of the State System students do. More than 90 percent of the State System students attended public high school, while 75 percent of the private institution students attended public schools. More than 70 percent of the students attending private colleges report that both their mother and father have a college education. Of those attending the State System university, half reported that their father had attended college and only 45 percent say their mother had.

Mr. Speaker, I look at this list of members of this General Assembly, including the Lieutenant Governor, Messrs. Battisto, Costa, Coy, Fargo, Feese, Hanna, Horsey, Kirkland, and on and on. And when I read the comments, I was not privileged to be at the Appropriations meeting, but I read the comments, and especially the last line, Mr. Speaker, where "Your graduates aren't fit for any type of job," needed to be addressed. We have over 600 graduates of the State System currently employed by this General Assembly or by this administration, 600, and we have members of this General Assembly that graduated from the State System. I find these words offensive. "Your graduates aren't fit for any type of job." I would like to have an apology, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. LAWLESS

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

Mr. LAWLESS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of this House who is a proud graduate of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Over the years I have been critical of our institutions of higher learning regarding the staggering cost associated with our young people.

In a recent House Appropriations Committee hearing, I was embarrassed to learn of a statistic which indicates a 4-year graduation rate of 23 percent in our State System. Mr. Speaker, we need to look at this statistic closely and determine the cause of this unacceptable 4-year graduation rate.

However, as a graduate of West Chester University, I will not sit and watch as a member of this House publicly denigrates the thousands of alumni, professors, students, and parents of our State System.

My colleague, my Republican colleague, my Montgomery County Republican colleague, irresponsibly and with complete hostility stated the following at a recent House Appropriations Committee hearing; I quote:

"Coupled with the fact that many of us speak on a regular basis to business people, not only in our districts, but across the state, and what they're saying to us is that they're getting job applicants that went to the State System, be it for four, five or six or 100 years after graduating and they have to retrain them, that they can't write simple sentences, that they simply are not prepared, not just to go out into the business world, but to get a job in any type of industry or profession.

"Your graduates aren't fit for any...job."

Wealth is a wonderful thing, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, not all of us are given the opportunity to attend private institutions of higher learning.

The State System has more successful graduates living in this State than any other institutions of higher learning, public or private. We have a Governor, New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, a graduate of the State System of Pennsylvania. We have surgeons, lawyers, and let us not forget, most of us who grew up in this Commonwealth were taught by State System graduates of our fine teaching programs, not to mention the 30 members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate that are State graduates.

Success should not be measured in dollars and cents or the job title that one carries with his or her name. Success is a State System which has more than 350,000 graduates residing in this Commonwealth, taxpaying residents who are raising their children in this Commonwealth — moms and dads doing their best, the best job that they can do at the most important job, raising their children, a job they are well fit for as a member of our State System.

Mr. Speaker, our colleague from Lower Merion with her statement made in the House Appropriations Committee puts a mark on all of us as a member of this House, her not willing to stand up for the fine institutions that we have here in this State, and quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, my colleague's comments show a certain sign of class bigotry. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MRS. COHEN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Cohen. Mrs. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak from my heart. I did not come here today with notes, a written statement, as the prior two speakers have. I was unaware that this discussion was going to take place. So I do not have a prepared statement. I am just going to speak from my heart.

I have been in this legislature for almost a complete 8 years. One of the records that I am very proud of is my support of education, all kinds of education — public, nonpublic, religious — all kinds of education. I have sat on the Appropriations Committee for 6 years. Through those years, I have supported funding and will continue to support funding, especially for all of the institutions of higher education.

The materials that I used in the Appropriations Committee — and I think it was partially due to my youthful exuberance when I made some of those comments to Chancellor McCormick — the numbers that I was using — and the prior Representative to speak today indeed was using the same numbers — those statistics were provided to me by the State System. I have total respect for the other 202 members of this legislature, many of whom are noble graduates and worthy graduates of the State System. The purpose of my remarks and the purpose of my questioning to the chancellor was to call attention to the fact that I am supportive of the System and indeed have always been endorsed by those folks and that I think they can do better.

A perfect example is Lincoln University, and the presentation that was made to the committee this year by Lincoln was wonderful, because they initiated their presentation by saying, we have had problems in the past, and here is what we have done to correct our problems. It was wonderful. It was terrific. They came to us and they said, yes, we have had our problems; we have turned inward; here is what we have done to correct our problems. And for that, I admire them. The response that — And that was my intention, to say to the System, we are using taxpayers' dollars; we have students who want to excel, who want to achieve, and I think we can do better.

I have had calls from constituents whose children attend these universities, and they are troubled. They feel that the university can do better. My goal is to make sure that we use our taxpayers' funds to the best way we possibly can. My intentions, certainly — and I am sorry that anyone misconstrued my remarks at the Appropriations Committee, and again, Mr. Speaker, I think my record and I do stand on a record

of support for all education – my purpose at these hearings was to take the numbers that Chancellor McCormick gave to us on the committee and to tell them that I want our taxpayer dollars to be used in a better manner.

Another example, Mr. Speaker, is when someone else, not I, asked how much money was saved by the State System now that electric deregulation is in process. The response was \$14.000. The same question was asked to Graham Spanier from Penn State, how much money has Penn State saved now that dereg, electric dereg, is in place, and the answer was \$1.2 million. That is a contrast.

What I want to do is work not only with my fellow members but I would like to work with Chancellor McCormick and the people from the State System. I want our taxpayer dollars used to the maximum. I want our students to go there and to get the best education that they possibly can. I do not want to hear from business people in the Commonwealth that are making disparaging remarks about the State System.

I am a supporter of the State System. I am sorry that my intention was misconstrued, and I may have spoken inappropriately. I really meant my words to be in support of something to be improved.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The respective whips request no leaves of absence for today's session.

The Chair is about to take today's—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. I apologize. The gentleman, Mr. HANNA, does request leave for the day.

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

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The members will proceed to vote on the master roll call.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Biaum, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Grucela, Gruitza, Habay, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Metcalfe, Michlovic, Micozzie, Miller, R., Miller, S., Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra

Table with 4 columns of names: Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Cam, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Cornell, Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Curry, Dailey, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Druce, Eachus, Egolf, Haluska, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadowiec, James, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Nickol, O'Brien, Oliver, Orie, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Phillips, Pippy, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Thomas, Tiguc, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waters, Williams, Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Hanna

LEAVES ADDED—9

Table with 4 columns of names: Dally, Dermody, Hennessey, Masland, Perzel, Taylor, E. Z., True, Travaglio, Waters

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. COHEN called up HR 393, PN 3093, entitled:

A Resolution declaring March 2000 as "Arts in Education Month" and March 14, 2000, as "Arts in Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder

Battisto	Freeman	McIlhinney	Solobay
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McNaughton	Staback
Belardi	Geist	Melio	Stairs
Belfanti	George	Metcalfe	Steelman
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steil
Birmelin	Gladeck	Micozzie	Stern
Bishop	Godshall	Miller, R.	Stetler
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stevenson
Boyes	Grucela	Mundy	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Myers	Sturla
Bunt	Habay	Nailor	Surra
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nickol	Tangretti
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Cam	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Civera	Horshey	Phillips	True
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DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Druce	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Eachus	Major	Sather	Speaker
Egolf	Manderino	Saylor	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Hanna

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

ARTS IN EDUCATION DAY PROGRAM

The SPEAKER. Today is Pennsylvania's fifth annual Arts in Education Day here in Harrisburg. During the day members and guests in the Capitol will hear and see some of Pennsylvania's best student dancers, actors, singers, and musicians. Some students will recite poetry. Hundreds of others are participating by loaning their works of art for exhibition here in the East Wing and in the halls of the Department of Education.

It is fitting to be surrounded by the magnificent art in this chamber and building as we pay tribute to our young artists. Trained and nurtured by caring and skilled art educators, the students' artistic talents enhance the splendor of this building, which in 6 years will be 100 years old — the same age as Mr. George and I.

Arts in Education Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on the artistic freedom we have enjoyed in Pennsylvania for over 300 years. That freedom began as a vision of William Penn, who saw his settlement as a site where religious and artistic expression could flow freely among people of diverse cultural backgrounds. It became more focused when Benjamin Franklin suggested in 1749 that "something of drawing," in quotes, be included in our basic education program. And that vision became a clearly defined image as the Wyeth families — Andrew, James, and N. C. — Violet Oakley, Edwin Austin Abbey, Marian Anderson, Eugene Ormandy, and countless others made their way to immortality.

We in Pennsylvania have had a long and bountiful relationship with the arts. We are grateful to all of the young people, the art educators, corporate sponsors, parents, and friends who have come to the Capitol today to participate in this Arts in Education Day. I am grateful for the inspiration and joy their work brings to me and to the lives of all Pennsylvanians. I want to thank the students. I want to thank the teachers who have supported and encouraged these young talents. We recognize their contribution to Pennsylvania's living cultural heritage by educating our children in the arts, and we thank you for what you are doing for Pennsylvania's and America's future.

Before I call upon Representative LeAnna Washington for a special introduction, I would like the members to meet fourth grade artist Shawn Fisher from George A. Ferrell Elementary School in Picture Rocks. This young man, you either have or will shortly have reception programs, and he is the artist who did the little red schoolhouse that is on the cover of that program, which you have or you will have, and we thank him for his contribution.

Also sitting to my left are John Broomall and Rick Coulter, the leadership team of the Pennsylvania Alliance for Arts Education. They are our partners. Will the gentlemen please stand.

They are sitting with Susan Spafford, Miss Pennsylvania, a talented violinist and second runner-up at the Miss America Pageant. She is a friend of ours who has been with us before. She has dedicated and is dedicating her reign this year to the promotion of arts education in our schools and communities.

I would like you to meet the State director of Arts in Education and my full-time college intern this semester. She is not a stranger to you. Her name is Colleen Tigue. And if she looks familiar, she should. She has a proud father about halfway back the third section. Colleen, would you please rise.

And finally, the Chair would like to recognize at this time Representative LeAnna Washington from Philadelphia, who will introduce a very special guest who has joined us to celebrate Arts in Education.

This young man who is about to be introduced, I attended and he is attending the high school St. Joe's Prep in Philadelphia, and he was good enough to bring me today as a present a sweatshirt that I forgot to take out of my locker when I left there a couple of years ago when I graduated.

Ms. Washington.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Justin Hopkins, who is here today with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins.

Justin is a 16-year-old sophomore at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in North Philadelphia, and he is a young man of considerable talent. At a young age, Justin already has

showcased his wonderful voice to audiences in Philadelphia and throughout the world. He has performed at renowned venues like the Sidney Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Soon this chamber, too, will echo with Justin's remarkable voice.

Justin's vocal talents were nurtured by the Philadelphia Boys Choir and the Men's Chorale, where he presently sings in the bass section of the Men's Chorale. He has performed with the Opera Company of Philadelphia as well as with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the Regional and Performing Arts Center, Justin represented the Opera Company of Philadelphia's Sounds of Learning Program as the lead soloist. And last year he was a featured soloist at the Marian Anderson award ceremony and banquet honoring Gregory Peck.

He has an impressive resume for a young man of 16 years old, and as is true of many of the young people taking part in the Arts in Education Day, Justin's dedication to the arts brings the promise of even greater accomplishments and a bright future.

He is accompanied by pianist Gene Civillico. Gene was also a '94 graduate of St. Joe's Prep, a '98 graduate of Harvard, and he is presently a Ph.D. (doctor of philosophy) student at Penn.

Thank you.

("Ol' Man River" was sung by Justin Hopkins, accompanied by pianist Gene Civillico.)

The SPEAKER. All right. We got him.

JUSTIN HOPKINS. Another one. Okay.

The SPEAKER. We are finally going to accomplish something this week.

JUSTIN HOPKINS. This is just plainly "America the Beautiful."

("America the Beautiful" was sung by Justin Hopkins.)

The SPEAKER. If the members would allow me, I said to you earlier that when Justin arrived here today, he brought me a sweatshirt from St. Joe's Prep, which I attended. Now, the least I can do is return the favor and give him a sweatshirt from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mr. Keller just asked me if Justin could do "Danny Boy," but I think we have to let him go.

That truly was a pleasure to hear this young man perform, and I think vicariously we are all very proud of someone like this, and it makes us all feel a little better today than we were feeling yesterday.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen, has an announcement. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic caucus that recessed around 11:30 will continue immediately upon this recess.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Mr. Reinard, for what purpose do you rise?

Mr. REINARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit some comments for a matter of record.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will submit them to the Chair.

Mr. REINARD submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Colin Bagwell, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor - Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Colin Bagwell.

Whereas, Colin Bagwell earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is a member of Troop 5.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Colin Bagwell.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Fargo, no announcements? No Republican caucus, is that what that means? Thank you.

Is there any further business before declaring a recess?

Mr. COHEN, could you tell me how much time you need?

Mr. COHEN. I think 1 hour, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. All right.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Any further business?

Hearing none, this House is declared to be in recess until 1:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled or extended by the Chair.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2 p.m.; further extended until 2:30 p.m.; further extended until 2:45 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (J. SCOT CHADWICK) PRESIDING

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 931 and HB 1753 be removed from the table.

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

BILLS TABLED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 931 and HB 1753 be placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be removed from the table and placed on the active calendar: HB 2134, HB 2202, and SB 1038.

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

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 2134, PN 2929; HB 2202, PN 2876; and SB 1038, PN 1452.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be recommended to the Committee on Appropriations: HB 2134, HB 2202, and SB 1038.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to take this opportunity to welcome some visitors from the Martha Washington Middle School in Philadelphia, who are here as the guests of Representative Mike Horsey. They are located in the upper balcony. Would they please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BEBKO-JONES called up **HR 382, PN 3037**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who requests a leave of absence for the lady from Chester County, Mrs. TAYLOR. Without objection, the leave will be granted. The Chair hears no objection. The leave is granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 382 CONTINUED

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Saylor
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Scrimenti
Baker	Fichter	Mayernik	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	McCall	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	McGeehan	Shaner
Barrar	Forcier	McGill	Smith, B.
Bastian	Frankel	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhinney	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McNaughton	Solobay
Belardi	Geist	Melio	Staback
Belfanti	George	Metcalfe	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Birmelin	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Bishop	Godshall	Miller, R.	Stern
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stetler
Boyes	Grucela	Mundy	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Myers	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Nailor	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Cam	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Tulli
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Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Van Horne
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Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Williams
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Laughlin	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood

Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Druce	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Eachus	Major	Sather	Speaker
Egolf	Manderino		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

Ms. BEBKO-JONES called up **HR 383, PN 3038**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of April 10 through 14, 2000, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Allen	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Argall	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Armstrong	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Baker	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Bard	Flick	McCall	Seyfert
Barley	Forcier	McGeehan	Shaner
Barrar	Frankel	McGill	Smith, B.
Bastian	Freeman	McIlhatten	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McNaughton	Solobay
Belardi	George	Melio	Staback
Belfanti	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steelman
Birmelin	Godshall	Micozzie	Steil
Bishop	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
Blaum	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stetler
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Bunt	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Butkovitz	Harhai	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhart	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Horsley	Petrone	Trich
Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	True
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Clymer	James	Pistella	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Josephs	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Kaiser	Preston	Veon
Colafella	Keller	Ramos	Vitali
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Readshaw	Washington
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Coy	LaGrotta	Rieger	Williams

Curry	Laughlin	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Lawless	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lederer	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Leh	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yewcic
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DeWeese	Lynch	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Maher	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maitland	Samuelson	
Eachus	Major	Santoni	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Sather	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

Ms. BEBKO-JONES called up **HR 384, PN 3039**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the week of March 13 through 17, 2000, as "Women and Addictions Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Allen	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Argall	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Armstrong	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Baker	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Bard	Flick	McCall	Seyfert
Barley	Forcier	McGeehan	Shaner
Barrar	Frankel	McGill	Smith, B.
Bastian	Freeman	McIlhatten	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McNaughton	Solobay
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Bishop	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
Blaum	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stetler
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
Browne	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
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DeWeese	Lynch	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Maher	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maitland	Samuelson	
Eachus	Major	Santoni	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Sather	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

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Mr. ROHRER called up **HR 385, PN 3050**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the week of April 10, 2000, as "Pennsylvania Academic Competition Week" in Pennsylvania; and urging the Department of Education, local school districts and intermediate units to participate in the ninth annual Statewide Pennsylvania Academic Competition on April 14, 2000.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Saylor
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Scrimenti
Baker	Fichter	Mayernik	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	McCall	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	McGeehan	Shaner
Barrar	Forcier	McGill	Smith, B.
Bastian	Frankel	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhinney	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McNaughton	Solobay
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Belfanti	George	Metcalfe	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Steelman
Birmelin	Gladeck	Micozzie	Steil
Bishop	Godshall	Miller, R.	Stern
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stetler
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Butkovitz	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Orie	Thomas
Cam	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Tulli
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Veon
Colafrilla	Kaiser	Ramos	Vitali
Cornell	Keller	Raymond	Walko
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Washington
Costa	Kirkland	Reinard	Waters
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Williams
Curry	Laughlin	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Lawless	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lederer	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Leh	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Levdansky	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Lucyk	Rubley	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lynch	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Maher	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maitland	Samuelson	
Eachus	Major	Santoni	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

Druce LaGrotta

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

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Mrs. COHEN called up **HR 387, PN 3052**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing "Million Mom March Mothers' Day 2000" on May 14, 2000.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HR 387 be referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

Mrs. COHEN called up **HR 388, PN 3053**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating March 2000 as "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

Mr. GORDNER called up **HR 389, PN 3054**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the month of March 2000 as "Pennsylvania Middle School Education Month."

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Saylor
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Schroder
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	McCall	Shaner
Barrar	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bastian	Frankel	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhattan	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McIlhinney	Solobay
Belardi	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Belfanti	George	Melio	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Steelman
Birmelin	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steil
Bishop	Godshall	Micozzie	Stem
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stetler
Boyes	Gruccela	Miller, S.	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
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Carn	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
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Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Van Horne
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Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Williams
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Laughlin	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Eachus	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Egolf	Major	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

Druce

Pistella

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

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Mr. THOMAS called up **HR 390, PN 3068**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 10, 2000, as "Harriet Tubman Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Saylor
Alien	Fairchild	Mann	Schroder
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	McCall	Shaner
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Bastian	Frankel	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhattan	Snyder
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Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Eachus	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Egolf	Major	Sather	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

Druce Pistella

EXCUSED—2

Hanna Taylor, E. Z.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to welcome Rob Schopf, who is visiting today as a guest of Representative Jennifer Mann. Rob is a senior at Parkland High School, and he is here as part of a job shadow program and is seated to the left of the Speaker. Rob, would you please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

We have another young man who is doing job shadowing today. Skip Weber is here today as a guest of Representative Russ Fairchild. He is seated to the left of the Speaker. He is also job shadowing with Representative Fairchild and teaches ninth grade social studies at the Milton Hershey School. Would you please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Representative Teresa Forcier has some guests here with her today. Megan Diamond and Garrett Proper were in Harrisburg Monday participating in the Penn Ambassador Program. Today they are enjoying the Capitol as guests of Representative Forcier. Would they please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2262, PN 2978**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the State Fire Commissioner for grants to volunteer fire companies.

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

Mrs. **HARHART** offered the following amendment No. **A0540**:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
Amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), entitled "An act establishing the State Fire Commissioner within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; transferring the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program and the State Fire Academy to the State Fire Commissioner; and making repeals," further providing for appropriations.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 14, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
Section 1. Section 7 of the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act, is amended to read:

Section 7. Appropriations.

(a) General.—All appropriations for the commissioner shall be by a separate line item in the General Appropriation Act.

(b) Specific.—The sum of \$25,000,000, is hereby appropriated to the State Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, for the purpose of making one-time grants to volunteer fire companies. Recipients of grants under this section shall use the funds for any or all of the following purposes:

- (1) Equipment purchases.
- (2) Training.
- (3) Research studies.
- (4) Loan repayments.
- (5) Disease prevention and control.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Northampton County, Mrs. Harhart.

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I rise to offer amendment A0540.

This amendment raises the appropriation to the State Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year 2000-2001 for the purpose of making one-time grants to volunteer fire companies to \$25 million from \$15 million. It will also permit volunteer fire companies to use their grants for disease prevention and control. As you may know, our volunteer firefighters have been specifically concerned about the prevalence of hepatitis C.

This amendment also moves the appropriation into the State Fire Commissioner law. This is a more appropriate place to put this appropriation, because it will permit the State Fire Commissioner to develop criteria for disbursement of these needed funds to help our volunteer firefighters.

I appreciate your support on both sides of the aisle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Perzel. Without objection, the leave will be granted. The Chair hears no objection, and the leave is granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2262 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the Harhart amendment for many obvious reasons, the main one being that last summer we spent a lot of time throughout the Commonwealth discussing these issues with the volunteer firefighters. This is one of the major issues that they brought up — the continued cost of equipment, the amount of money that it takes to raise funds, and what they need to do what they do out in the field.

So I would ask everyone to support this amendment, because it is one of the things that the fire service has asked for.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Huntingdon County, Mr. Sather.

Mr. SATHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, want to stand in support of this amendment.

I think it goes a long way in the direction of what we want to accomplish throughout this Commonwealth and the services that we want to provide or seem to be being provided by our volunteer fire services. So I would ask for a “yes” vote also.

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

Mr. SAINATO. Mr. Speaker, I rise also to support this very important amendment.

We must never lose track of the fine job that our volunteer fire departments do in the State of Pennsylvania. They save the taxpayer millions and millions of dollars. I have got nine volunteer fire departments in my legislative district, and each one of them is hurting for money — money to buy equipment, money to buy safety gear. Many of them have to have fundraisers all the time — spaghetti dinners, direct mail solicitations — asking just to raise a few dollars to keep the volunteer fire departments going.

The volunteer fire departments are something we do not think about until something happens in our community — a disaster, a fire, an accident — but they are always there, Mr. Speaker; they are always there serving their communities.

As I said, I have nine of them, and all nine of them do a fantastic job serving the municipalities that they have. These municipalities cannot afford a full-time fire department. In my district, I do have a full-time fire department in the city of New Castle, and they do an excellent job. They need a full-time fire department, but in my municipalities, my boroughs and townships, they cannot afford a full-time fire department.

This amendment alleviates a lot of problems which they have had, mainly money. By giving these volunteer fire departments a grant, a grant, to buy safety equipment, to buy needed gear, we are doing them a great service, Mr. Speaker. Maybe that is one less spaghetti dinner they have to have. They can concentrate on helping their community; they can concentrate on helping their community — a point we must never lose fact on. These people receive no money. They do it out of tradition. Many times it is a family tradition — their grandfather was in the fire department, their father was in the fire department — and today, due to the economic circumstance, people are not able to join fire departments. We need to continue on this path. This is a first step.

I participated in at least five hearings this past year with the Policy Committee listening to these people and their concerns. Today is a very important first step in giving them the needed help that they need, and we must continue on that path.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

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

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

I think this is crucial that we have funding for volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania and we do everything we can to aid them.

I would just like to point out one additional thing, though, that I would hope that at some point in time in this House of Representatives we could bring ourselves to do. There are municipal fire departments across this State where taxpayers, local taxpayers, pay for all the equipment and the services through their local taxes for fire-fighting services, and it usually

is a large portion of their local tax bill, and they do it not because they can necessarily financially afford to but because they cannot afford not to with the close proximity of buildings in many of the boroughs and cities throughout this State. Then in addition to paying those local taxes, those same residents in those boroughs and municipalities that have paid fire departments also pay their State taxes, and those State taxes get used to fund these programs that help the volunteer fire departments outside of those municipalities so that those people that live outside of those municipalities with paid fire departments do not have high taxes.

At some point in time I would hope that this legislature could bring itself to helping to fund a program that would run simultaneously and concurrently with the volunteer fire program so that those paid fire departments could have access to low-interest loans and funds for fire equipment and training and the various things that are afforded volunteer fire departments so that the taxpayers in my municipality and in other municipalities with paid fire departments could have their taxes held in check also.

I again support this amendment and this legislation. I would just hope that at some point in time we would have the will to expand it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Semmel, is recognized.

Mr. SEMMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As the majority chairman of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, I rise to ask the members to definitely support this amendment.

In my capacity as chairman, I have the distinct privilege of directly working with the important legislative activities that have great bearing on the livelihood of our volunteer fire and emergency services in our Commonwealth. Therefore, I know full well that our volunteer fire departments are in dire need of State, local, and private community funding.

I would again ask the members to vote in the affirmative on this amendment, which will allow our volunteer fire departments to receive a more adequate level of funding. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Schroder
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Schuler
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Semmel
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Seyfert
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Belardi	Geist	McNaughton	Stairs
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Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Steil
Birmelin	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stern
Bishop	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stevenson
Boyes	Grucela	Miller, S.	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Surra

Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Tangretti
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DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Samuelson	
Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Sather	Speaker
Egolf	Major	Saylor	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

Druce Ruffing

EXCUSED—3

Hanna Perzel Taylor, E. Z.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will now stand at ease momentarily while we make some repairs, we hope, to the microphone at the Speaker's podium.

The House will come to order.
Return to HB 2262, PN 2978.

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Tangretti, do you still intend to offer your amendment?

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I need a clarification from the Parliamentarian of whether my amendment is still in order given the nature of the last amendment that was adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes, Mr. Tangretti, it is still in order. It would just knock out the prior amendment, if it passed.

Mr. TANGRETTI. I would like to make a motion, Mr. Speaker, to divide my amendment on page 2 starting with—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Tangretti, first let me call your amendment up.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Yes, sir.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. TANGRETTI offered the following amendment No. A0537:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies; and making an appropriation.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 9, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Volunteer Fire Company Grant Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Commissioner.” The State Fire Commissioner.

“Fund.” The Volunteer Fire Company Grant Fund established in section 4.

“Program.” The Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program established in section 5.

“Volunteer fire company.” A nonprofit chartered corporation, association or organization located in this Commonwealth which provides fire protection services and which may offer other voluntary emergency services within this Commonwealth. Voluntary emergency services provided by a volunteer fire company may include voluntary ambulance and voluntary rescue services.

Section 3. Commissioner.

The commissioner has the following powers and duties:

- (1) Utilize the fund under section 4.
- (2) Administer the program under section 5.
- (3) Promulgate regulations to implement this act.

Section 4. Fund.

(a) Establishment.—The Volunteer Fire Company Grant Fund is established as a separate fund in the State Treasury.

(b) Source.—The source of the fund shall be appropriations.

(c) Purpose.—The purpose of the fund is to make grants under section 5(b).

(d) Continuing appropriation.—The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the fund and shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year.

Section 5. Program.

(a) Establishment.—The Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program is established.

(b) Grants.—The purpose of the program is to make grants to volunteer fire companies to improve and enhance the capabilities of the volunteer fire companies. A grant shall be not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 per volunteer fire company in any one fiscal year. Grants may be used for all of the following

Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting

(c) Administration.—The commissioner shall administer the program.

Section 6. Appropriation.

The sum of \$15,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the Volunteer Fire Company Grant Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 7. Effective date.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, or

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Now, Mr. Tangretti, where do you want to divide it?

Mr. TANGRETTI. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could approach the Parliamentarian and have a sidebar.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sure. Come on up.

(Conference held at Speaker’s podium.)

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Tangretti, withdraws his amendment.

On the question recurring,

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

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Schroder, has an amendment which was filed late. Does the gentleman wish to make a motion to suspend the rules and offer his amendment?

Mr. SCHRODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A0761.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Moved by the gentleman, Mr. Schroder, that the rules of the House be suspended so that he may immediately offer amendment A0761.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Saylor
Argall	Fairchild	Mann	Schroder
Armstrong	Fargo	Markosek	Schuler
Baker	Feese	Marsico	Scrimenti
Bard	Fichter	Masland	Semmel
Barley	Fleagle	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Flick	McCall	Shaner
Bastian	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Battisto	Frankel	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Freeman	McIlhattan	Snyder
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhinney	Solobay
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Stairs
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Steil
Bishop	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stern
Blaum	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Boyes	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stevenson
Browne	Grucela	Miller, S.	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhai	Nickol	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Harhart	O’Brien	Thomas
Cam	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Casorio	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Cawley	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Chadwick	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Hess	Petrone	True
Clark	Horsey	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vance

Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Preston	Veon
Colafrilla	Josephs	Ramos	Vitali
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Walko
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Washington
Costa	Kenney	Reinard	Waters
Coy	Kirkland	Rieger	Williams
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Laughlin	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Rublely	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Druce	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Eachus	Major	Sather	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS-2

Krebs Steelman

NOT VOTING-2

Allen Pistella

EXCUSED-3

Hanna Perzel Taylor, E. Z.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCHRODER offered the following amendment No. A0761:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7), page 1, line 20 (A0761), by inserting after "companies" and nonprofit volunteer ambulance services

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. SCHRODER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would allow this bill to apply to nonprofit volunteer ambulance services. Mr. Speaker, under the present wording of this bill, ambulance services that are part of a fire company, of a volunteer fire company, would be eligible for assistance if it was applied for by the fire company. However, nonprofit volunteer ambulance services which stand alone and are not affiliated with fire companies would not be eligible. I think they should be eligible for funding under this grant program, and that is why I am offering to make them part of this bill, and I would ask for your support.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Saylor
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Schroder
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Scrimenti
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	Mayemik	Seyfert
Barley	Flick	McCall	Shaner
Barrar	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bastian	Frankel	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhattan	Snyder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McIlhinney	Solobay
Belardi	Geist	McNaughton	Staback
Belfanti	George	Melio	Stairs
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Steelman
Birmelin	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steil
Bishop	Godshall	Micozzie	Stern
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stetler
Boyes	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Tulli
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Preston	Veon
Colafrilla	Kaiser	Ramos	Vitali
Cornell	Keller	Raymond	Walko
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Washington
Costa	Kirkland	Reinard	Waters
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Williams
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wilt
Dailey	Laughlin	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Rublely	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Ruffing	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Samuelson	
Druce	Maitland	Santoni	Ryan,
Eachus	Major	Sather	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Hanna Perzel Taylor, E. Z.

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All of the other amendments filed to HB 2262 are out of order as a result of the adoption of the Harhart amendment.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. George, rise?

Mr. GEORGE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state the point.

Mr. GEORGE. I would like to go to sidebar to find out why those two amendments that I have had drawn would be not germane. I do not think that the Harhart amendment does anything in regard to what I am trying to do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. George, would you like to come up so we can discuss that?

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. Without objection, HB 2262 will go over temporarily. The Chair hears no objection.

HB 584 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali, who moves that the vote by which HB 584, PN 2961, was defeated on the 15th day of February be reconsidered.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—176

Allen	Egolf	Markosek	Sather
Argall	Evans	Marsico	Saylor
Baker	Fairchild	Masland	Serimenti
Bard	Feese	Mayernik	Semmel
Barley	Fichter	McCali	Seyfert
Bastian	Fleagle	McGeehan	Shaner
Battisto	Forcier	McGill	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Freeman	McIlhinney	Snyder
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Soiboy
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Michlovic	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Miller, R.	Steelman
Blaum	Godshall	Miller, S.	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Mundy	Stern
Browne	Grucela	Myers	Stetler
Bunt	Gruitza	Nailor	Stevenson
Butkovitz	Habay	O'Brien	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Oliver	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	Orie	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	Pesci	Thomas
Cam	Hasay	Petrarca	Tigue

Casorio	Hennessey	Petrone	Travaglio
Cawley	Herman	Phillips	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Pippy	Trich
Clymer	Horsey	Pistella	True
Cohen, L. J.	Hutchinson	Platts	Tulli
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Coy	Kirkland	Rieger	Waters
Curry	Krebs	Roberts	Williams
Dailey	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Rohrer	Wright
DeLuca	Lederer	Rooney	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Ruffing	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sainato	
Donatucci	Major	Samuelson	Ryan,
Druce	Manderino	Santoni	Speaker
Eachus	Mann		

NAYS—23

Adolph	Flick	Maitland	Strittmatter
Armstrong	Gannon	Metcalfe	Taylor, J.
Barrar	Hershey	Micozzie	Vance
Civera	Kenney	Nickol	Wilt
Clark	Leh	Schroder	Zimmerman
Fargo	Maher	Schuler	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Hanna	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. On the question of final passage of that bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be brief. We had an extensive debate on this several weeks ago.

This bill is the Van Horne bill, which is a relatively noncontroversial Election Code bill which changes the requirements or the contents of a nominating petition. We amended this bill to include the Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Financing Act, which simply provides public financing, voluntary spending limits, and contribution limits for the gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial races in Pennsylvania.

I hope this would be a good first step in campaign finance reform. I would like to get it over to the Senate just to give them options to consider, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Adolph.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would first like to remind my colleagues that HB 584 does have Representative Vitali's amendment regarding campaign finance reform. I also would like to remind them that it includes

public financing, and I would like to comment on that part of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Will the gentleman yield.

For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, what is showing up on the screen is not the bill that contains Representative Vitali's amendment. Can we double-check what—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Mr. Snyder, my information is that that is the correct bill. It is PN 2961, HB 584. The Vitali amendment is not included because that was not reprinted. He is offering it now.

Mr. Vitali, please come to the desk. I am getting confused, I think.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. The House several weeks ago or a week ago accepted an amendment offered by the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, to HB 584, and that was amendment A0388. That is on your computers, that amendment, A0388. It does not appear, the Vitali amendment that was accepted last week or 2 weeks ago, does not appear as an included portion of the bill because we never had it printed because the bill was defeated. So if you are trying to follow on your computers what we are doing, you could look at the bill as it appears with the printer's number that we just mentioned, the one on the board, and you will have to also then look at the Vitali amendment and include it in, and the question before the House is final passage of that printer's number plus the Vitali amendment.

Are there any questions about that? Mr. Snyder, do you agree? Mr. Vitali, do you agree?

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

The SPEAKER. Mr. Adolph, do you desire further recognition?

Mr. ADOLPH. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ADOLPH. I would like to make a motion to move HB 584 back to the State Government Committee.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Adolph, moves that HB 584, together with amendments, be recommitted to the Committee on State Government.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would oppose that motion.

Mr. Speaker, in this bill we have the opportunity to enact or at least take one step towards enacting campaign finance reform in Pennsylvania. This is not an experimental bill. This is a bill which has been implemented in New Jersey. We know how it works.

Mr. Speaker, I think what we need to do is send this over to the Senate so that they will have the opportunity to deal with this issue as well as any other bills that the House State Government Committee might lend itself to.

Mr. Speaker, we have already considered, we have had hearings on this in the State Government Committee. This is not something that the State Government Committee at this point, in my view, will add anything to at this point. This bill has been thoroughly debated. I think it is ready to go.

If you do not support the tenets of this bill, I would simply ask for a "no" vote, but I think a motion to send it back to State Government really is a delaying tactic. If you do not support it, simply vote "no."

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Veon, do you desire recognition on this? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. VEON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the gentleman. This issue has received considerable attention in the State Government Committee over the last few years; it has received considerable debate on the House floor already. Certainly all the members here I think are prepared to vote up or down on the substance of this bill, and I would also ask that we oppose the motion to recommit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, Mr. Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A number of the House members have asked me just where we are in this whole procedure in looking at campaign finance reform, and as I mentioned to the members of the workshop, perhaps I could just take a minute and kind of give everyone an update as to where we are. I certainly will accept the bill, if that is the wish of this general body.

But over the past summer — that is 1999 — we have had three public hearings, and tomorrow, March 15, will be our fourth workshop. That is going to be a key workshop, because we are going to be looking at subjects and issues and defining them finally and having a resolution on many of those topics such as independent expenditures, a fair campaign code, and then in the month of April, that will be our last workshop, and we will look at the three bills that are then in committee.

And so I just needed to share that information with the members just so they are knowledgeable about where we are and the timeframe that we have set. This procedure that I have just outlined is what I had said to those members who asked that the State Government Committee look at this issue and try to bring some progress forward on this important matter.

So for those members who needed an update, I have provided it.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—91

Adolph	Egolf	Maher	Schroder
Allen	Fairchild	Maitland	Schuler
Argall	Fargo	Major	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.
Bard	Fleagle	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Flick	McIlhattan	Snyder
Barrar	Forcier	McIlhinney	Stairs
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Benninghoff	Geist	Metcalfe	Stevenson

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Bunt	Harhart	Miller, S.	True
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Civera	Hennessey	Nickol	Vance
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Clymer	Hershey	Orie	Wogan
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Phillips	Wright
Cornell	Hutchinson	Pippy	Zimmerman
Dailey	Jadlowiec	Raymond	Zug
Daley	Kenney	Rohrer	
Dally	Leh	Sather	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS—108

Battisto	Frankel	Mayemik	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	Freeman	McCall	Scrimenti
Belardi	George	McGeehan	Shaner
Belfanti	Gigliotti	Melio	Solobay
Bishop	Gladeck	Michlovic	Staback
Blaum	Gordner	Mundy	Steelman
Browne	Grucela	Myers	Steil
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Oliver	Stetler
Buxton	Haluska	Pesci	Sturla
Caltagirone	Harhai	Petrarca	Surra
Cappabianca	Horsey	Petrone	Tangretti
Cam	James	Pistella	Thomas
Casorio	Josephs	Platts	Tigue
Cawley	Kaiser	Preston	Travaglio
Cohen, M.	Keller	Ramos	Trello
Colafella	Kirkland	Readshaw	Trich
Corrigan	Krebs	Reinard	Van Horne
Costa	LaGrotta	Rieger	Veon
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Vitali
Curry	Lawless	Robinson	Walko
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Washington
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Waters
Dermody	Levdansky	Ross	Williams
DeWeese	Lucyk	Rubley	Wojnarowski
Donatucci	Manderino	Ruffing	Yewcic
Eachus	Mann	Sainato	Youngblood
Evans	Markosek	Samuelson	Yudichak

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Hanna	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.
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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. On final passage, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rose to object to this bill previously, not necessarily because of the Vitali amendment, although I think that is a bad amendment also, but because of the actual substance of the bill itself, which takes the occupation off the petition. This opens up the petition-signing process to a great deal of fraud.

I had a personal experience where signatures on petitions were forged, and the only reason that we were able to find out about the forgery was because of the occupation listed on the petition. Now, I am not necessarily opposed to asking a person

to print their name, but I think that can be done without asking that that column including occupation be removed from the petition, and that is what this bill does — it removes the occupation column and adds in this printed-name column. We could very well request that an additional column be put into the petition with the name being printed and also include the occupation and simply reduce the number of signatures on each petition from, say, 50 to 25. This is not a difficult process.

I was disappointed that we did not refer the bill back to State Government, because they could have worked on the bill and solved that problem and perhaps reported a bill that would have been acceptable.

But on the issue on the other side of the bill, the Vitali amendment, Mr. Speaker, that is not campaign— It is campaign finance reform in the eye of the sponsor of that amendment, and I think that that is an issue that has to be resolved by this House in its entirety, working through the committee process, with each member giving its input, and not just the dictates of one member with each of us sitting here being scared to death to vote against it because of what the editorials are going to say tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

The courageous and correct vote on this issue is to vote “no,” vote this bill down, and give Representative Clymer and the Democrat chairman of that committee an opportunity to resolve this problem so that we can all have an acceptable resolution of the issue of campaign finance reform.

Now, we have a member who is on a mission to bring this issue up every single time an opportunity presents itself, and he brings it up on his terms, not on the terms of every member of this House, and he knows— And he did it earlier today. He sent us a list of every editorial of all the papers across this State praising his effort for campaign finance reform. And that is how this is being done — it is being done through the editorial boards of this Commonwealth. And there is a very simple reason why the editors of every single paper of this Commonwealth want campaign finance reform. They want to dry up our ability to raise money to fund our campaigns so that they can dictate who is going to sit in these seats. They will be running the editorials; they will be running the campaign literature, and we will not have the money to respond, because they will not give you free space in their editorial page; they will not give you a front page to respond to what they have to say, because it takes money to do that.

This is a media— Obviously, it is an apparent and it is a blatant media bill, and we have seen that proven by the fact of what the sponsor did today. He did not send out his own explanation as to why this was a good piece of legislation. He clipped the editorials from every paper around the Commonwealth and said, look, here is what the press thinks about this; you vote against this and tomorrow, you know what? They are going to be writing about you and how corrupt you are and how bad you are and how you take money from special interests and sit here and vote for their cause, and that is not true, Mr. Speaker, and if anybody did that, they belong in jail.

Mr. Speaker, this is a bad bill. It is bad in substance, the amendment is bad, and I ask for a “no” vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from York, Mr. Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to also oppose this bill.

You know, it is interesting how throughout this budget process, we have been spending the last couple weeks listening

to everybody's idea on how to spend money, and this bill, while being a welfare program for politicians, where they are going to be having about \$40 million coming out of our State Treasury to fund statewide campaigns, yet everybody comes to us and asks us for more money for child care, senior citizens programs, education and funding, tax cuts. If we are going to spend \$40 million for a welfare program for politicians, where is money going to be spent for child care or these education programs that everybody is proposing?

To me what I see across this Assembly is we are so free with people's money that is not our own — \$40 million for politicians. What about all the programs you harp about in this General Assembly when you talk about child care? You talk about doing more to provide health benefits for our working men and women across this Commonwealth, yet you are so free with \$40 million of this Commonwealth's taxpayers' money to give to politicians when it does absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing about the corruption in the political process; it does nothing about soft money and all those other issues that you read about in these editorials. This is the biggest bunch of baloney I have ever seen in a bill that has anything to do with campaigning in my life.

This bill is bad. It is truly bad, and it is just a boondoggle and a pork barrel thing on our taxpayers of this Commonwealth. It deserves to be defeated soundly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Adolph. Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have been preparing tax returns for about 30 years, and there has been a Federal tax write-off, checkoff, on the Federal tax returns regarding public financing. And when it first started, there was a lot of interest among the taxpayers. When I first started preparing the returns, you know, maybe about 30, 35 percent of the people would check off the box on their 1040. The last couple years, the same people that I have been doing for close to 30 years, that percentage is now below 15 percent.

I think people are against taxes going to finance campaigns, Representative Vitali's \$5 checkoff. I have been preparing tax returns for the last month and a half now, and I am asking people as I am doing their tax returns, what do you think about this proposal? Ninety percent of the people are against taxes being used to fund campaigns. You can call whatever you want to call this — campaign finance reform. This is not campaign finance reform. This is another government entitlement program. It is going to cost our taxpayers, if Representative Vitali's amendment passes and this bill passes, \$5.2 million. That is real money, and I guarantee you the interest is going to go down, because it has gone down at the Federal level.

I agree that we need to do something about campaign finance reform, spending limits, but we cannot do it with taxpayers' dollars. I do not understand why, and I have listened to my colleague's comments over the last 2 weeks, and I do not think he is crazy about spending taxpayers' money regarding this, but it is a gimmick; it is a gimmick that he uses to get this in there, and it is not going to work.

And if you do surveys, not about campaign finance reform, tell them what you are really doing. You are starting a government entitlement program to fund gubernatorial campaigns. If a candidate does not have the ability to raise money, they should not be a candidate; they should not be a candidate. I hear candidates crying poor all the time, I cannot raise money, but they are not out there working like other

people. I do not care where you get your money from, whether it is from PACs (political action committees) or whether it is from individuals. Let us just set spending limits so we do not go crazy on individual campaigns, all right? We do not have to be rocket scientists here. Just cut spending, but do not tell the taxpayers let us spend their money.

This is a bad bill, and I think if everybody would ask their constituency, do you want to use taxpayers' money to pay for gubernatorial campaigns, I think you are going to see overwhelmingly they are against it.

I urge my colleagues, please use your head and vote "no" on HB 584. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

For what purpose does the lady, Mrs. True, rise?

Mrs. TRUE. Mr. Speaker, could I speak on personal privilege, please, unanimous consent?

The SPEAKER. The lady is in order.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I was a "yes" vote on this. I wanted to support Representative Vitali. I was hoping the debate would be short. It looks like it is not. My husband is on his way to the hospital with a compound-fractured leg, and I really feel I need to be there. I beg Representative Vitali's forgiveness, but I do have to leave, but I wanted to be on the record that I do support his position. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The lady, Mrs. TRUE, will be added to the leave-of-absence list, without objection. The Chair hears no objection.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 584 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Do you have an objection, Mr. Cohen?

Mr. COHEN. I have a motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. You were not recognized.

Mr. COHEN. Well, I—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Mr. COHEN. I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Well, that is too late.

Ms. Manderino. You are recognized, Ms. Manderino.

Ms. MANDERINO. On final passage?

The SPEAKER. On final passage.

Ms. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to vote "yes" on final passage of HB 584.

And I just want to defend the gentleman, the Democratic gentleman from Delaware County, against some of the remarks made by the Republican gentleman from Delaware County with regard to his wanting to bring this issue up only when it suits him and on his terms. Well, I am not sure there is another member in the House that would argue with the fact that he does not pick his terms when he wants to bring this up. He brings this issue up every single time we run an Election Code bill and he will continue to do it, and if you do not want to vote for it, do not vote for it, but do not use an excuse that he is only picking and choosing the times that he wants to offer it, because I think that everyone here knows that we see a Vitali amendment on

campaign finance reform every time we see an Election Code bill.

As a matter of fact, I was a little bit surprised by the fervor of the Republican member from Delaware County until I realized that all of those editorials we were sent of everyone saying what a good idea this was, some of them come from the Delaware County Times, and I guess if I did not want to support this position and my own hometown newspaper every day was saying what a good idea it was, I would raise a little heck on the floor of the House, too, but at least let us understand where that passion is coming from.

You are either for it or you are against it, and let us also be clear about the law. You cannot just set spending limits, as one of the prior speakers said. Constitutionally, you cannot just impose a spending limit. That is the whole reason that the public financing mechanism has been used — to engage people and engage candidates to voluntarily agree to the spending limits in order to get the matching public financing. And we all know they do not have to agree. We only have to look at this season's Presidential race to know that George W. Bush, the Republican candidate for President, did not want to agree to any campaign finance limits, and so he chose not to accept matching contributions so that he can go out and raise big dollars from big donors and spend over the limits of what anybody else is going to be able to spend.

And by contrast, when we look at what happened in the gubernatorial race in New Jersey just a couple of years ago, where Jim McGreevey came within a percentage point of beating Christie Todd Whitman because campaign public financing served as a great equalizer for both candidates to get out their message, we really can see the impact that a legislative proposal like this could have.

It is time for us to have that kind of impact in Pennsylvania. I urge every member of this House to vote "yes" on this bill.

The SPEAKER. According to my list, Messrs. Vitali, Cohen, Veon, Metcalfe, Levdansky, Sam Smith, Wilt, Platts, Maher.

Mr. Vitali, you are next on my list. He declines.

The gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Saylor in his comments indicated three priorities where he thought government money ought to go. It ought to go to child care, he said; it ought to go to education; it ought to go to tax cuts, and many Pennsylvanians would support these priorities.

However, Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, as is the case in numerous candidates all across the nation, if you look at who actually contributes to Governor Ridge's campaigns, just as happens throughout the nation, the people who contribute the most money of all these interest groups are the people who favor corporate tax cuts, and that is a major priority of the Ridge administration. And there is very, very little money in Governor Ridge's campaign statements, which he posts on the Internet so everybody can see them, there is very, very little money from people who believe in education as a major increased spending priority and very little money from people who believe in child care as an increased spending priority, and sure enough, there is very, very little money that has been proposed in Governor Ridge's budgets to increase spending for child care and education, and it is this correlation, Mr. Speaker, that exists here in Pennsylvania, that has existed in other States, that is very, very disturbing to many people throughout Pennsylvania. It is

this kind of correlation that fuels the demand for campaign finance reform.

If we are to have priorities that represent the will of the average citizen, the average citizen has to be active in financing the campaigns. There is no Santa Claus. If only very wealthy people financed the campaigns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, we are going to have a government that only represents the interests of very wealthy people. That is a fact, and what this is is an attempt to get public ownership of the Governor's Office and the Lieutenant Governor's Office. That is what this is.

Now, Mr. Gannon said that he is disturbed about the newspapers and their statements, and he kept using the word "us." I would just like to reiterate, this bill does not affect us unless we are candidates for Governor or Lieutenant Governor. I would predict that in the year 2002, almost everybody in this room will not be a candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This does not affect us as individuals. This affects us as citizens of Pennsylvania who would like to have a shot at having our priorities heard. Even if we cannot write checks for \$100,000, even if we cannot afford to be members of the Governor's Club, we would like to have our views heard. That is how this affects us. And as members of the legislature, do we have more influence than a member of the Governor's Club or somebody who contributes \$100,000, \$200,000? I really do not think we do, Mr. Speaker.

And finally, I would like to respond to the attack on the newspapers. The news media has no financial interest in this bill. If anything, the news media will lose money from this bill because there are spending limits imposed. The less money there is to spend in gubernatorial campaigns, presumably the less money will be spent advertising in newspapers.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very meritorious piece of legislation. Mr. Vitali is to be commended for coming up with a proposal that goes to the heart of the current problems of government in which large numbers of citizens are not effectively represented at the gubernatorial level because their interests are drowned out by large contributors. Only a relative handful of people contribute the vast majority of the money for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. These people who contribute the vast majority of money are not elected by anybody. They are only accountable to themselves. The Governor ought to be accountable to the members of the General Assembly. The Governor ought to be accountable to the general population of Pennsylvania.

I strongly urge support of this piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Veon. He waives off.

The gentleman from Butler County, Mr. Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (J. SCOT CHADWICK) PRESIDING

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Metcalfe, we were in the process of making a change up here. Can you repeat your last statement?

Mr. METCALFE. I just stated "Mr. Speaker." I was just trying to get your attention.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You have it.

Mr. METCALFE. I would like to ask that this be challenged on constitutionality.

One of the previous members that spoke had talked about how everyone should be actively involved in funding campaigns. At this time in our current situation, we have the choice as citizens if we would like to support or not support a particular candidate.

What is being proposed here through public financing, through using taxpayer dollars to support candidates, politicians, is to force the use of my tax dollars for a candidate that I might not choose to support, infringing on my freedom of speech, and I would like to challenge it in that regard.

This is not what any constituent of mine that has talked to me about campaign finance reform has thought of when they talk about campaign finance reform. I just had a call in my office today asking me to oppose campaign finance reform as labeled that is not really campaign finance reform. What the citizen called in to express to me was that he thought that soft money contributions is an area that we need to address with campaign finance reform. This does not jump into anyone's mind back home that what we are talking about when we say campaign finance reform is talking about using taxpayer dollars for campaigns. This is just a proposal that is being used by some politicians to advance the cause of other politicians to get free money for their campaigns. This is not what we should be doing, and I would like to challenge it on constitutionality.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Metcalfe, the Chair would appreciate it if you would cite the section of the Constitution that you believe this bill violates.

Mr. METCALFE. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, raises the point of order that HB 584 is unconstitutional in that it violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The Speaker, under rule 4, is required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of a bill to the House for decision, which the Chair now does.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the members that all members can debate this but only once each.

Are there other members seeking recognition on constitutionality?

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

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, within the last few months, the Supreme Court of the United States addressed this very issue of whether the regulation of campaign expenditures violates the First Amendment. The Supreme Court almost unanimously decided that it did not. They said the regulation of campaign expenditures, the regulation of campaign contributions is a regulation of property; it is not a regulation of speech — regulating campaign contributions is a regulation of property; it is not a regulation of speech. The First Amendment only protects speech. Therefore, this amendment does not violate the

First Amendment, and we have a very recent and very overwhelming Supreme Court decision within the last few months saying that.

This motion is clearly fallacious. Mr. Vitali's amendment to the bill itself is clearly constitutional. I urge a "no" vote on this motion.

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

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Metcalfe raises an interesting issue, and although the courts have dealt with this on the broad grounds of whether or not it is a limitation on free speech, I think that a more detailed reading of this amendment rather than just a perusal and listening to how the advocates characterize it would probably lead one to the conclusion that it does have a chilling effect on free speech.

First of all, there is nothing in this bill that says "may." Everything is "shall," and "shall" is a mandatory language without any latitude, and the "shall" is placed upon this General Assembly to go into the taxpayers' pockets and dig out the money that is going to be used to pay for these campaigns.

However, there is an interesting section that deals with issue advocacy, and that is where an independent group, independent of the candidate, has decided that they would like to bring to the front an issue relative to a candidacy's campaign or to the campaign in general. Now, that expenditure does not have to be authorized by the candidate. In fact, he may very well object to it because he may not want to associate himself, perhaps, with that particular advocacy group, but because he stands where they do on the issue, they have reached voluntarily into their pockets, taking out their own money willingly, and put forth an effort to bring an issue to the attention of the voters.

Now, what does this bill do in that particular instance? Well, it says that where that occurs, where an advocacy group is making its own independent expenditure, going into its own pockets, paying its own money to present an issue to the voters so that they can make a determination on a particular candidate, it says that the candidate, irrespective of any other limitations that are in this bill, irrespective of any other campaign spending limits, that candidate can go back to the taxpayers and get more money to respond to that issue advocacy.

So what we essentially have here is a group of private citizens attempting to bring an issue to the forefront, to the attention of the voters, using their own resources, and what are they confronted with? They are confronted with a candidate who is now financed by the taxpayers, some of which may have been the very people who voluntarily dug into their pocket to present that issue. These taxpayers, if you will, are now involuntarily, these individuals are now involuntarily funding a response to the issue that they brought forth to the voters.

I believe that that is a chilling effect on free speech, a very chilling effect, when you have someone who wants to bring forth an issue and the other side is fully funded by the taxpayers, the unlimited resources — no limit, no limit — whatever they decide is going to be needed and maybe then some to respond to that issue. It is patently unfair to the citizens of this State who voluntarily go into their pockets, voluntarily use their own money to get involved in a campaign, to find themselves confronted by the involuntary payments of taxpayers to finance the candidate's response to those issues.

I ask for a “yes” vote – or is it a “no” vote? – that this is unconstitutional. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As a point of clarification for those members who are still intending to speak, when we call this for a vote, a “yes” vote will be a vote to declare that the bill is constitutional; a “no” vote will be a vote to declare that it is not constitutional.

On that question, the gentleman from Northumberland County, Mr. Belfanti.

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation may have a chilling effect on the process of running for Governor, but it is certainly not unconstitutional. This legislation is no less unconstitutional as the legislature adopting deadlines to file nominating papers or set fees for candidates to file to be able to run for office.

If we were a true democracy, an individual ought to be able to announce the day before election that he is a candidate for Governor. There are many, many, many instances whereby the people entrust to this General Assembly the ability to establish guidelines and rules whereby campaigns and candidates must adhere to. We have done this throughout the history of this Commonwealth for over 200-and-some years.

The Federal government, which is the Federal Constitution, which is what the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, cites, the Congress itself and the U.S. Senate have set their own campaign finance limits whereby an individual is limited to \$1,000 and a PAC, or a political action committee, a \$5,000 contribution to any candidate for Congress or the U.S. Senate. So they actually impose limits on themselves, not just on the Presidential race.

History has stated time and time and time again that the States have the ability at the State level to regulate candidates, campaigns, the length of time, the amount of money, spending limits, campaign finance reports, ethics statements. All of those things may have a chilling effect on certain people, but they are certainly constitutional.

This issue is constitutional. Let us not hide behind the First Amendment, of all things. Let us not hide behind the First Amendment as a way of ducking out on this vote. I ask that my colleagues from both sides of the aisle find this to be constitutional and let us get on with the true debate, which I appreciated hearing from the other side of the aisle as to what is wrong with the bill or what is wrong with the concept. Now, let us not hide behind the Constitution. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On constitutionality, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester County, Mr. Schroder. The gentleman waives off.

On constitutionality, the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Vitali. The gentleman waives off.

Mr. Veon? Waives off.

Mr. Casorio? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. CASORIO. One out of four is not bad, Mr. Speaker.

I will be brief.

I find it ironic today that we hear from our friend on the other side of the aisle, the distinguished Representative from Cranberry, that we do not want to have the citizenry participate, that we do not want reform, that we are objecting to campaign finance reform as a test for the gubernatorial and Lieutenant Governor elections. Now, to me it strikes as being an imbalance that you would not want citizenry to participate. If you want the citizens to participate and you want average – as my colleague from Cranberry said, he does not want his money going to elect

people that do not have his political view, and I am paraphrasing – how else, Mr. Speaker, can we allow average, hardworking citizens to participate in the political process and run for State office, an elective office, if we do not allow them the mechanism to do that? Voluntarily.

Mr. Speaker, we need to allow the taxpayers of Pennsylvania to participate. It is time that we act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Casorio.

Mr. CASORIO. Yes, sir, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thinks you may be straying to final passage of the bill. Can you stay on constitutionality?

Mr. CASORIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you.

Mr. CASORIO. The question of constitutionality is this, Mr. Speaker: This bill is constitutional. We need to move it forward. The time now is the time to act. Mr. Speaker, Cesar Romero said to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin in “Ocean’s 11,” if you cannot put up, what do you do? You shut up. Now is the time we have to put up, Mr. Speaker. It is constitutional.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind the members that a “yes” vote will be a vote to declare the bill constitutional; a “no” vote will be a vote to declare the bill not constitutional.

Those voting “aye” will vote to declare the bill to be constitutional; those voting “no” will vote to declare the bill to be not constitutional.

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—120

Bard	Frankel	Mayemik	Samuelson
Battisto	Freeman	McCall	Santoni
Bebko-Jones	George	McGeehan	Scrimenti
Belardi	Gigliotti	McIlhatten	Shaner
Belfanti	Gladeck	McIlhinney	Solobay
Bishop	Gordner	Melio	Staback
Blaum	Grucela	Michlovic	Stairs
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Steelman
Browne	Haluska	Myers	Steil
Butkovitz	Harhai	Nailor	Stetler
Buxton	Harhart	Nickol	Sturla
Caltagirone	Horsey	Oliver	Surra
Cappabianca	James	Pesci	Tangretti
Carn	Josephs	Petrarca	Thomas
Casorio	Kaiser	Petrone	Tigue
Cawley	Keller	Pistella	Travaglio
Cohen, M.	Kirkland	Platts	Trelo
Colafella	Krebs	Preston	Trich
Corrigan	LaGrotta	Ramos	Van Home
Costa	Laughlin	Readshaw	Veon
Coy	Lawless	Reinard	Vitali
Curry	Lederer	Rieger	Walko
Daley	Lescovitz	Roberts	Washington
DeLuca	Levdansky	Robinson	Waters
Dempsey	Lucyk	Roebuck	Williams
Dermody	Lynch	Rooney	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Manderino	Ross	Wright
Donatucci	Mann	Rubley	Yewcic
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Evans	Masland	Sainato	Yudichak

NAYS—78

Adolph	Druce	Kenney	Schroder
Allen	Egolf	Leh	Schuler
Argall	Fairchild	Maher	Semmel
Armstrong	Fargo	Maitland	Seyfert
Baker	Feese	Major	Smith, B.
Barley	Fichter	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Fleagle	McGill	Snyder
Bastian	Flick	McNaughton	Stern
Benninghoff	Forcier	Metcalfe	Stevenson
Birmelin	Gannon	Micozzie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Geist	Miller, R.	Taylor, J.
Chadwick	Godshall	Miller, S.	Tulli
Civera	Habay	O'Brien	Vance
Clark	Hasay	Orie	Wilt
Clymer	Hennessey	Phillips	Wogan
Cohen, L. I.	Herman	Pippy	Zimmerman
Cornell	Hershey	Raymond	Zug
Dailey	Hess	Rohrer	
Dally	Hutchinson	Sather	Ryan,
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NOT VOTING—0

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the constitutionality of the bill was sustained.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Currently the list reads as follows: Veon, Levdansky, Wilt, Smith, Maher, Habay, Adolph, and Civera.

On final passage, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Veon. The gentleman waives off.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Levdansky.

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will keep this very brief. I just want to address one question that the gentleman from Delaware raised about the bill itself and not the amendment. The bill would simply remove the occupation from the circulator's petition. I just want to point out — and he alleges that there is going to be a lot of fraud perpetrated because of this — I just want to point out that in 1976 there was an amendment made to the State Voter Registration Act to remove the occupation listing from one's voter registration form, and that was done back in 1976. So this change will just be consistent in the Election Code with what we have done already in the Voter Registration Act many, many years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I just also want to point out that last week the straight-talk express of Senator John McCain and his cause was derailed a bit. But I just want to point out that sort of in that vein and in that spirit, I want to quote from a noted Pennsylvania Governor, and this was a speech that was delivered in 1995 to the annual Pennsylvania Society dinner. I am just going to quote a couple excerpts from this, and this former Pennsylvania Governor stated the following:

“Unfortunately large numbers of Americans have been turned off from public service in the past several years. Now America stands at the lowest of all the major democracies in voting percentages...and there is less and less interest here in government and in public service.

“People have come to this conclusion...because their impression is that many in public offices are there for themselves, for their own careers, for their betterment and their lives, not for the public. That is one of the reasons why we have such enormous interest in this country right now in term limits.

“The second impression is far worse than the first. That is money and its impact into every phase of our politics to a degree that has never been true before. It has practically devastated our election system. Now in almost every case the candidate who can raise the most amount of money is the victor. Money has become so involved in every phase of our political system that I say to you, and I mean every word of it, if it is not checked, if it is not reformed, we are opening the door to tyranny. It is that important. And it is high time we did something about it!”

Mr. Speaker, these are words not from a liberal Pennsylvania politician; these are the words of former Governor Bill Scranton in 1995. He believed in 1995 it was high time we did something to address this problem. This is 5 years beyond high time. Now is the day more than ever for us to clean up our campaign system. The Vitali amendment is exactly the right prescription for what ails our democracy here in Pennsylvania. We need to vote this, Mr. Speaker, and we need to vote strongly for it today. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer County, Mr. Wilt.

Mr. WILT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will keep this brief also.

The last time this bill was before the House, I took the opportunity to let people know that running for election is a lot like a marketing program, one that the free market decides the viability of the product, they determine the price, and those two come together to decide whether you make a sale or not a sale, and the same for running for election. It is really a three-legged stool, Mr. Speaker. It is where you are at on the issues, it is your ability to garner grassroots support and create an organization to help your candidacy, and the final is the message, and there is no message without money, and if you do not have an effective message, then you will never be an effective fund-raiser.

You know, the reason that the newspaper and the media is so hot to trot on campaign finance reform is because they want all the power on their side. They want to dictate who sits in these seats, they want to dictate who is going to run statewide, and they want to dictate who sits in the Governor's chair, Mr. Speaker. The gentleman from Philadelphia said that this is about the average person having an opportunity — the average person. Well. I take issue with that, Mr. Speaker, because I come from an area, I do not represent average people. My people are above average, because they are thinking about this, and here is what they think: They do not like when your union dues are being used to support candidates that they may not agree with, and they certainly do not like us using tax dollars to support candidates with which they may not agree.

Finally, this should not be an Election Code bill; this should be a Welfare Code bill, because all this bill does is give a handout to people that are unqualified and, therefore,

undercapitalized when it comes to running for statewide office. We should vote HB 584 down now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage, the gentleman from Jefferson County, Mr. Smith, is recognized.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the gentleman from Delaware County who sponsored the campaign finance amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, indicates that he is willing to stand for interrogation. You are in order and may proceed.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday you had a guest in the hall of the House, a lady named Doris Haddock, and on the front page of the Patriot-News she was quoted as saying, "People who try with their wealth to steal our representatives from us are attempting to steal our freedom." I am not sure I understand that, and since you are of like mind with this individual, I was wondering if you might be able to explain what that statement means.

Mr. VITALI. I am not in a position to do that.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Pardon me? I did not hear, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. VITALI. The only thing I can say with regard to Doris Haddock is she is a very committed woman who wants to see government change, and she has really made a Herculean effort to make that message known to us. You have to ask her.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. What would be that message then, Mr. Speaker? I mean, is that a meaningless statement of hers, or what does it mean?

Mr. VITALI. Listen, this is something she said; why are you asking me it? Come on.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Well, okay. I mean, I understand that. I just thought maybe, you were in stride with her; I thought perhaps you understood that, because I seem to interpret that as saying that anybody who takes money for their campaign is possibly being corrupted, and I am curious if that is your interpretation of that statement.

Mr. VITALI. I think the concern is that when you have a Governor get into office and he looks back at who put him there and the tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars from various interests, be they building interests or trial lawyers and whatever, the public feels that perhaps he will not be as impartial in voting on laws that affect those people. I think the feeling is that it is much better that a Governor elected to office does so having received moneys from individual contributors and public funds so that that is whom he is beholden to, the public, as opposed to the special interests. That is how I view this; that is my view. Doris Haddock, "Granny D," will have to speak for herself.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. If under your proposal the Governor were to have a large union run a phone bank for him, would that be an influence of value in the Governor's election?

Mr. VITALI. I think that under the bill, you can receive \$2,000 per person or PAC per election cycle, and that includes in-kind contributions. It does not matter where they come from. I think the idea is that you want your contributions to come from a number of smaller contributors, because let us be honest with each other. If someone gives you \$50,000, he has more of a voice than the person who just voted, and we are a society of one person, one vote, and that is being changed by all this money, and all we are trying to do is get it back to where

everyone's vote matters, not just the wealthy people. That is what this thing is all about.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Well, I appreciate that answer. You can, you know, continue to make those points on your own time. But I will not just pick on unions. Let us say you have a business in your district that, you know, they have a big office operation and they have 20 phone lines available, and you had a group of constituents that went in there and used their phones and ran a phone bank for you in that place of business. Would that be an in-kind contribution of value to a campaign?

Mr. VITALI. I think that be it a cash contribution of over \$2,000 or some services valued in excess of \$2,000, it would be the same. The idea is you want to be beholden to private citizens and the public, not to special interest groups.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. So your answer was yes, that that would be of value.

Mr. VITALI. The bill does not differentiate between in-kind contributions and cash contributions.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. I am not sure I heard that answer. Would you—

Mr. VITALI. Let us just say yes. Yes; yes.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Okay. Thank you.

I guess one of the other problems I have, and especially in light of this comment, which I find personally offensive, that was quoted in the paper here, that people of wealth are trying to steal our freedom, and as I mentioned before, that implies that anyone that would take money from a wealthy person is potentially corruptible. I am curious in light of that statement, at what point do you draw the line? Is \$2,000 the line where if an individual gives me or a PAC gives an individual for Governor under the amendment, you know, \$2,000, then that is probably not going to corrupt the Governor, but over \$2,000 is corruptible? Is that how that should be interpreted?

Mr. VITALI. See, what we wanted to do was not be experimental but look at a model that works. New Jersey works. These are the limits they set, the spending limits, the contribution limits. It works. It has been working since the late 1970s. It is a model for gubernatorial races nationwide. It works. That is why we chose what they did. We did not want to experiment; we just wanted to pick a level that works.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to comment on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. S. H. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this bill, and I am opposed to it because of the implication that somewhere you can draw a line between a contribution of \$100, \$2,000, you pick the number, where suddenly that involves the average citizen, but if someone with a lot of money contributes to an individual's campaign, that that has undue influence that that individual is corrupt. Personally, I think that there is plenty of room for individuals of modest means to be involved in a campaign under the current system. If you want to reform the system, have a full reporting system where you report whatever you get and let the voters decide. If a candidate takes \$50,000 from a wealthy individual in the Commonwealth, that should be a factor in the voters' consideration. If they think that that is too much influence on that candidate, then they can certainly vote against that candidate if they think that that is a corruptible amount of money. Have full reporting of whatever we would take in the way of campaign contributions but not limiting it, Mr. Speaker.

I just do not see that that solves the problem, and I will tell you why it does not solve the problem.

The people that make up this Commonwealth and this country, for that matter, Mr. Speaker, are ingenious people, and I do not know how many times I have seen laws being generated that were of good intent and hopefully with a good public purpose, but the natural way of the people of this country and of this Commonwealth is to find a way around it. Now, I am not saying they are breaking the rules, but they will find a way around those rules, and the more we put in these kinds of reporting requirements and limits, all you are going to see is more little spur groups; you are going to see more political action committees spawned because of a limit of \$2,000. You are going to see more small groups that each can go up to that limit. It is already there with the Federal elections.

The people of this country are better off being free to do what they choose with their money than to be given limits, because they are going to work their way around the bill, they are going to work their way around the law, not by breaking it but by being ingenious and coming up with a way to get around it, and I just do not think that this legislation will solve the problem that the intenders want to make.

The last point I really wanted to make was to concur with the gentleman, the gentleman, Mr. Wilt, when he talked about the media's investment in this legislation. Yeah, the gentleman from Philadelphia said that they will lose money on this. Maybe they will, but I tend to believe, Mr. Speaker, that they gain a lot of influence, because when you start limiting the amount of money that is in campaigns for a candidate to put out their own message, who then controls the message? The media will control it, and I think that that is an imbalance of the powers that be between an individual's campaign and what the media might propose to report about a campaign. So I think that that is also a pretty major factor.

One last point, Mr. Speaker. I referenced this article in the Patriot, and I noticed in the article that it said that this individual was flown to Harrisburg yesterday by supporters on the eve of this reconsideration. I was just curious, you know, if those supporters, if they have to report that money and who actually did pay for her to come here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Maher.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Earlier an advocate of this bill and its amended form quoted Frank Sinatra, and that may be especially appropriate today given the song-and-dance nature of the advocacy for this matter. If in fact there is some truth in advertising, we should not be referring to this as campaign finance reform, because it simply is not. Across Pennsylvania, there are approximately 20,000 elected officials. This bill affects 2 of 20,000 elected officials. Let us not kid the public that this is campaign finance reform. It is not.

Many of us are desirous of reform, and I would encourage those who are advocating this half measure to think about embracing genuine campaign finance reform. Let us stop the soft money. Let us limit corporate contributions. Let us limit union contributions. Let us do those things that would in fact return the power preponderance to the people. At that point, one could honestly call it campaign finance reform.

I was a cosponsor of the original bill that has now been hijacked, and I am, frankly, embarrassed by what is before us

for a reason that nobody has talked about just yet. But I think most of my colleagues are aware that by background, I am a C.P.A. (certified public accountant), and a C.P.A. who spent a career performing audits, and I would draw your attention to the sections in this bill that speak to audits.

This bill imposes a standard upon the to-be-created commission which does not exist in the English-speaking world. This bill imposes a standard of sound accounting principles as the basis for an audit. You will not find any such audit guidance on the shelf of any library in this nation. It simply does not exist. It is a meaningless concept. Now, perhaps the author of the bill meant to refer to generally accepted auditing standards. Those do exist and they are well defined, but that is not what the bill invokes. To the extent it intended to invoke something else, I think it underscores the slapdash nature of the construction of this piece of legislation.

And I would also note that you see the audit requirement; if you think that is a trivial concern about what the standard is, look at who is to be audited. The candidate is required to be audited, not the campaign committee. The campaign committee seems to be exempt from this audit requirement. Well, we all know that most activity is actually accomplished through a campaign committee. If the bill, if the amendment, intended that the campaign committee would be subject to the audit requirement, I would have guessed it would have said so. Perhaps it did. But like on so many aspects of this bill, we are left to suppose what the good intention was and not to consider the letter of the bill.

Now, going beyond my professional acumen, I would observe that I voted against the constitutionality on this, not because of the funding issue but because of the true free-speech issue on two levels. First, consider the description here in candidate communications. It, the amendment, explicitly provides that the commission will determine whether or not a candidate can answer communications issued by another candidate who is opting out of the public welfare financing system. Well, who is going to make the decision about what constitutes an answer to a campaign? Who makes that decision? This commission. When do they make that decision? Do they make the decision before a communication goes out? Before the mail is dropped? Before the ad is placed? Before the television commercial or radio ad airs? If they are doing this beforehand and if they are trying to decide what in fact is an answer versus what is not an answer but some other form of communication, what we have done is to have empowered this commission to censor campaigns in its worthy judgment of what is in fact an answer versus what is not an answer. I simply do not want to have a bunch of bureaucrats being empowered as the censors on the rough-and-tumble of a campaign.

Similarly, consider the debate section. A candidate will appear when and where ordered. Well, it seems to me in our recent gubernatorial campaigns, there has been no shortage of debate. There is perhaps an indifference to debate, but there is no shortage of debate. Perhaps if the sponsor of this amended language is worried about whether or not the message is getting through to the public that he seeks to serve, perhaps then the next step would be to order that the transcripts of debates be published in newspapers, that perhaps we should take a quiz on debate context before we have our driver's licenses renewed the next year. At some point or another we need to leave it up to the

candidates and the people to decide what it is they are interested in hearing.

Once again, and I am sorry to have continued my passionate diatribe against this piece of work, but I really do encourage you to vote "no," for this is not campaign finance reform, and real reform is set backwards when we embrace those things which pretend to be what they are not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman from Chester County, Mr. HENNESSEY. Without objection, the leave will be granted. The Chair hears no objection, and the leave is granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 584 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage of the bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph, for the second time.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be brief.

I would like to comment on a couple things that Representative Manderino spoke about as far as that you must have public financing in order to control spending or contributions. It is my understanding that the General Assembly can establish the limits for any contributions coming in for any office. So I urge my colleagues to keep that in mind. Now, we determine how much the contributions are, and we do not need public financing.

I also want to talk about what Representative Cohen said, that individual people have been eliminated from contributing to campaigns and that this is the easy way to do it. How difficult is it to write a check to the candidate that you support? Whether it is \$5 or \$10, \$25, how difficult is that? Because if you support taxes going to gubernatorial campaigns, your tax money is going to go to candidates that you do not support. You might not like either of the candidates, but your tax money is going to go to their campaigns.

I urge my colleagues and I support Representative Clymer's workshop so we can get some campaign finance reform, real reform, and not a government entitlement program. The Federal program — the latest statistics back up my personal statistics. It is down to 13 percent nationwide. Thirteen percent nationwide people are contributing to this fund. It is not working. We need to control the amount of contributions coming in, and that is it.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the members of this chamber to oppose HB 584. As we listened to an hour of debate on this issue, there were major items that were brought out that the members should have listened to.

Can we have some order, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will come to order. Conversations in the aisles, please break up. The House will come to order.

Go ahead, Mr. Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The chairman of the State Government Committee stood here on this floor tonight and explained exactly what that committee was in the process of doing in addressing this issue. What intimidates the members to vote for this is the fact that it is finance campaign reform, and like other speakers said on this floor tonight, that whether the press would influence the members of this chamber to do something or not, the fact of the matter is that if you believe in the committee process that we, the members of this chamber, have set up, then leave it with the State Government Committee.

There have been issues that have been raised tonight that only that committee process can address. If this bill passes because of an editorial and the members support this idea, some of the members that have brought up certain issues will never be addressed, and the question comes down to what Representative Adolph said from Delaware County: Does the taxpayer really believe that \$5.2 million on each candidate should be spent at taxpayers' expense across the board? Now, if you have five candidates, that is over \$25 million. And we listen every day, if you listen in the southeast where I come from, the former mayor of Philadelphia has raised hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars to run for Governor of this Commonwealth, and if the people that contributed to that fund, to that campaign, believe in that person as a candidate, why should they be denied the right that they can make a contribution?

There have been members, politicians, that have stood on this floor, that have said publicly, I do not take special interest money. But there is a Republican State Committee and there is a Democratic State Committee, so if they do not take special interests, what they do is they take it from the State Committee, and if you think by any chance this is going to be a level playing field, Mr. Speaker, it is not. What happened in the State of New Jersey, because they reformed on campaign reform, it was the issues that took that election to a different side. It was not the campaign reform that the Governor almost lost that election; it was the issues that took that to the present form.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is a mistake. I think we should give the committee its due process. The chairman has made the statement on this floor, let both sides of the aisle work it out, because there are issues that have been addressed here that will not be addressed if this bill passes tonight. Therefore, I ask the members to defeat HB 584.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage of the bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Mr. Metcalfe, for the second time.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a forewarning, any boos will kind of drag out my comments, so if you can just bear with me.

When I had made the motion earlier to vote on the constitutionality of this, there were some remarks that were made, one such that I was hiding behind the Constitution, which was a very wrong perspective to draw. I was actually holding it up, holding it up so we could consider it, as we should do with all law. But it was trampled on with that vote, and hopefully we will rectify that with the next one.

It was mentioned that it was believed that taxpayers should be given the opportunity to contribute to campaigns and that what I was proposing was something different than that. What I was proposing actually was allowing taxpayers to contribute, allowing them to contribute by choice — choice — that so many

of you love to tout. Choice is what we need, not forcing taxpayers to have their tax moneys used to support candidates that they very well might disagree with, and you are infringing on one's freedom of speech when you force them to support someone and support speech that someone is putting forth that they do not agree with, whether we voted against it or not.

What is happening here, and mainly from the other side of the aisle, as I hope the taxpayers all realize as they watch this vote come down, and the media puts their nice little spin on it with the terms that have been applied to it, "campaign finance reform," which this is the farthest thing from anyone's mind when you think of campaign finance reform — "taxpayer-funded campaigns" is what it should have been entitled, not campaign finance reform — what is happening here is that choice is being taken away, liberties are being taken away, freedom is being taken away from the citizens of this State. Real campaign finance reform that I hear about, once again, is the soft-money contributions that go unaccounted for. Let us see some change in reform to account for those soft-money contributions. Campaign finance reform is not allowing Buddhist monks to contribute when they have taken an oath to poverty. Campaign finance reform is stopping the illegal foreign contributions that are selling our national security down the creek.

So I would urge all of our members to consider just what you are doing, and I would urge everyone who is viewing these operations here on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) and everyone that gets to read about this in the paper tomorrow to contact your Representatives and let them know that what you talk about when you are talking about campaign finance reform is not using their tax dollars to finance campaigns. You want choice in campaign finance; you want choice to determine whom you are going to contribute to. I receive contributions of \$1, \$5. There is choice there. People can write a \$5 check; they can give a \$1 cash contribution to a candidate if they want to. There is choice in contributions right now, and we need to keep that choice in place and not allow for the media spin to threaten our members from voting the way that their hearts tell them that they really should.

So I would call upon all of you to be courageous and uphold your oath of office, uphold the Constitutions of our great nation and our great State, and let us keep freedom in place; let us keep choice in place. You really encourage me with those remarks. It just keeps me going. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On final passage of the bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Platts.

Mr. PLATTS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I strongly support—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend for a minute.

Can we settle down, please.

Mr. Platts.

Mr. PLATTS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I strongly support the need for campaign finance reform, changes that have been mentioned earlier here this evening — limits on contributions, banning soft money, greater public disclosure. I personally do not take PAC contributions, as was referenced earlier. I am one of those who relies on the people directly. But this is not campaign finance reform. This is a new government entitlement program for politicians. Why else does the proposal say we have to fully fund this even if not one Pennsylvania citizen checks off on their income tax? That is

participation by the public? Every single Pennsylvanian can say, no, I do not want to spend money on funding campaigns, yet this bill says we must fully fund it to the tune of tens of millions of dollars. We are going to spend through this legislation, whether the public checks off and wants to do it or not, millions of dollars when we are underfunding education. We have seniors without prescription coverage who are choosing between their medicines and paying for food, paying taxes. We need to do better with the taxpayers' money than give it to candidates to go out and spend on their campaigns.

I think it is bad enough that the public has to listen to all the negative campaigns out there, but now we want to make them pay for them whether they like it or not? Let us have a true public participation. If we are going to have public financing at all, which I do not think is appropriate — I do not think we should use tax dollars to fund the campaigns — make it conditional on checkoffs occurring. If people do not check off, there is no money there; then the money is not spent.

I do not think we should force it on the taxpayers. If they want to contribute, they can. This is not true campaign finance reform. We should reject this and get to work on true reform as the State Government chairman and his committee are seeking to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We have one more speaker on the list. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Gannon, for the second time.

Mr. GANNON. Mr. Speaker, I realize that everybody is unsure of my position on this bill, so I wanted to take an opportunity to highlight some of the lesser discussed aspects of this bill but which I think are perhaps as important as the taxpayer funding of political campaigns.

During the debate we heard some reference to Santa Claus. That is a euphemism for taxpayer. The proponents of this bill believe that the taxpayer is Santa Claus, and Santa Claus, the taxpayer, is going to start paying for political campaigns.

Another member in the course of debate said, you know, we need to allow the taxpayers to participate. Well, that inference is that there is some voluntary, voluntary effort on the part of a taxpayer to participate. This is not voluntary. Nobody voluntarily pays their taxes. They get the bill and they pay the tax or they go to jail. There is nothing voluntary about that. And somebody said, you know, it is time to put up; it is time to put up or shut up. Well, they are putting up, all right. They are not putting up their own money; they are putting up somebody else's money, and that is the taxpayers' money.

Mr. Speaker, you do not find the word "may" in this bill. Every time the bill refers to the General Assembly and the money that we are supposed to squeeze out of our taxpayers, it says "shall" — "shall." That does not mean we have the opportunity to deliberate and decide and come to a conclusion as to what, if anything, we are going to do to contribute to these campaigns. "Shall" means we have got to do it, and this bill says "shall," we "shall" do it. But who "shall" we give this money to?

Another little organization you will not see mentioned in this bill is the Bureau of Elections. Now, for years I thought the Bureau of Elections was in charge of our elections and the process. Now it is the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission "shall" determine how much we "shall" appropriate, how much we "shall" give to them so that they "shall" give it to candidates running for Governor.

Now, there is also a provision in here that we are going to have some debates. We are going to have three debates in the primary and we are going to have three in the general, and these debates are going to be sponsored not by the Democrat Party or not by the Republican Party or the other independent parties that may field candidates; no, they are going to be sponsored by a private organization selected by the Ethics Commission, not by the Bureau of Elections, not by the candidates' committees working together to come to an agreement on some debates. And then once the Ethics Commission "shall" have these debates which they "shall" select some private organization — i.e., the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, or some other nonpartisan group — they are going to require the attendance of the candidate. If he does not show up at this debate, if he says, look, I am not going to debate; I am out on the road; I am going door to door; I am meeting the people and telling them what my position is on the issues, if he does not show up, it is a crime, a misdemeanor of the first degree for not showing up at a debate, a political debate. What is next, we go to jail for not watching?

Now, Mr. Speaker, I had a constituent call me on the phone. While this debate was going on, I was speaking to him, and he put this succinctly. He said, this is a gimmick; this bill is just a gimmick. I wish it were just a gimmick. It is far more serious than that, and I have said this before: I think the most troublesome part of this entire legislation is this dealing with independent expenditures, and that is how we are going to address the rights of every one of our citizens of this Commonwealth to speak out using their own resources, and let me give you a solid example.

Suppose a candidate for Governor is pro-abortion — pro-abortion — and he has stated that position clearly in his campaign, and the national right-to-life group says, you know, we are going to run, we are going to run a campaign in Pennsylvania to point out to the people of Pennsylvania that this candidate is pro-abortion, and we want a pro-life candidate in that office, not a pro-abortion candidate, and we are going to educate the voters. Well, what can the candidate do? Does he have to go to Molly Yard; does he have to go to the National Abortion Rights League; does he have to go to Planned Parenthood to get his money to respond? No; he goes to the taxpayers. That is what this bill says, go to the taxpayers to respond. When these people have gone into their pockets voluntarily and said, we want a candidate that is pro-life, and the pro-abortion candidate says, well, you know what? I do not have to go down to the headquarters of NARAL (National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League) or to Planned Parenthood; I can just go to the taxpayers — that is what it says — and I get an amount of money equal to whatever I need to effectively respond to those independent expenditures.

This is not campaign finance reform, Mr. Speaker; this is taxpayer funding of campaigns from A to Z. This is a chilling effect on free speech. This is a denial of our citizens to voluntarily participate in this process. This bill deserves a resounding "no." I ask for a "no" vote.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Zug, desire recognition on this bill?

Mr. ZUG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be brief. It is tough to follow Representative Gannon. He is a very eloquent speaker.

I do have a brief interrogation for the sponsor of the bill, and it will be brief.

Does the bill cover soft money, the campaign finance reform? Does your bill—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, would you press the button again to see if your mike will activate?

Mr. Zug. I am sorry.

Mr. ZUG. Does your campaign finance reform bill address soft money?

Mr. VITALI. The bill itself addresses it in that it provides that in the case of independent expenditures, if independent expenditures are made advocating the candidacy of an opponent, then a candidate participating in public financing can apply to the State Ethics Commission for an exemption or a waiver of the contribution limits and expenditure limits. So he may exceed them for the purposes of addressing the communication made by those independent expenditures. This is the way it is done in New Jersey.

Mr. ZUG. But—

Mr. VITALI. I might just want to repeat that this is a system that has been working in New Jersey since the late '70s. It is working very well; it is yielding very competitive elections.

Mr. ZUG. But it does not affect how much soft money can come into a race.

Mr. VITALI. Yes, in the sense that, as I just described, that is how it deals with the soft-money issue.

Mr. ZUG. Does it address the issue of issue ads, independent expenditures like Representative—

Mr. VITALI. Right, just as that exemption from contribution limits and spending limits is the way it addresses that.

Mr. ZUG. So issue ads— Okay.

Mr. VITALI. Right.

Mr. ZUG. Does it provide better recording of revenues spent on a campaign? For instance, if somebody came in and did a telephone survey or did a mailing to members supporting or opposing a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor, is there a recording mechanism that is different than there is today?

Mr. VITALI. There are auditing requirements in the bill. The reporting requirements would be as they are right now.

Mr. ZUG. Okay, because they are terribly lacking today, and I do not think that your bill goes far enough on recording, because I think that is a major concern that we missed today and I do not think your bill covers that.

Does your bill address PAC reform?

Mr. VITALI. The bill provides contribution limits of \$2,000 per candidate per election.

Mr. ZUG. Does it address how many PACs I can contribute to?

Mr. VITALI. It provides that either a PAC or an individual can contribute no more than \$2,000 to the gubernatorial race.

Mr. ZUG. But does it—

Mr. VITALI. I mean, to be clear— Let me finish. I mean, to be clear, this is just a narrow first step. I mean, we are not dealing today with the other bills that are out there. That is something that perhaps Chairman Clymer's committee will

consider, and I want to be part of that, that broader reform. This is just a narrow first step that we are trying to take.

Mr. ZUG. So we do not have a limit. I can set up 10 PACs, give each PAC \$2,000, and then each one of those 10 PACs gives \$2,000 to the Governor to get around the campaign limit of \$2,000 set up in the bill.

Mr. VITALI. Frankly, I am not sure how it deals with dummy PACs and how the law would apply to dummy PACs like that. I do know that there is a limit of \$2,000 per individual or PAC per candidate per election.

Mr. ZUG. And do you think we ought to do PAC reform, though? Do you think we ought to look further at reforming the way we give money to PACs and PACs give money to candidates?

Mr. VITALI. I think this is a first step and I think it is a good step, and I think we should continue with this, and hopefully we can all work together on that.

Mr. ZUG. Okay. And this applies to Lieutenant Governor and the Governor only. Do you think we ought to expand this to all the State row officers, the judicial candidates, the legislature?

Mr. VITALI. Well, I want to start with this first step, see how it works, and go from there.

Mr. ZUG. You have a threshold of \$200,000 to receive funding, State funding, for running for Governor. Does that mean you do not think someone who can run for Governor and spend less than \$200,000, do you exempt that class of people?

Mr. VITALI. I think that the goal there is to conserve taxpayer dollars, to not spend taxpayer dollars needlessly, to basically have a candidate demonstrate viability by being able to raise, for example, in the primary election, a candidate for Governor would have to show he could raise at least \$100,000 on his own before he gets public moneys, and that is to sort of conserve taxpayer dollars so public moneys are not wasted on just candidates who are really fringe and not part of it and not part of the mainstream. It is really a fiscally responsible thing to do.

Mr. ZUG. Well, speaking of fiscally responsible, if you want to waste taxpayer dollars, what is the fiscal note? I know that you have one. I have heard numbers here from \$40 million to \$25 million. What do you think this will cost the taxpayers of the Commonwealth?

Mr. VITALI. It is my best estimate that this will cost \$5 1/2 million per year.

Mr. ZUG. Do not think that is what the fiscal note said.

Mr. VITALI. No, it does not. That is my estimate, though.

Mr. ZUG. The fiscal note is at least \$8 million, and they are talking—

Mr. VITALI. I hope we can get a copy of that fiscal note. I—

Mr. ZUG. It is on the computer. It is much higher than that.

The checkoff going into the fund is really taxpayer money, because it is not a rebate coming in. It is going in—

Mr. VITALI. Actually, frankly, I think the fiscal note is about that, but I think we arrived at it in different ways. I think we are both in about the \$5-million area.

I can tell you this, and if your question is a fiscal one I can tell you that New Jersey in the 1997 election paid out a total of \$16 million; I think in the 1993 election, maybe \$13 million; and then the 4 years before that, perhaps \$15 million. So about every 4 years they are putting out about \$13, \$15, \$16 million. So if you just sort of annualize that, divide that by 4, you are in

about the \$4- to \$5-million area. I am going to add a little more for some administrative costs and the Lieutenant Governor races. So my best guess is you are probably talking about \$5 1/2 million a year, loosely.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. DALEY. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DALEY. My understanding of a debate, a gentleman has the right to ask questions, but if he knows the answers to the questions prior to the asking, he should refrain from asking those questions, as was the fiscal question that was just asked, Mr. Speaker. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Yes, that ordinarily would be correct.

Mr. DALEY. Would you—

The SPEAKER. If it was a straight question and you knew the answer, an answer coming back, a noncontroversial-type answer. I was not listening closely enough other than I knew they were debating the question of how much would it cost, and I also have taken note of the fact that I have heard \$40 million down to \$4 million. So I feel that it is a legitimate subject for debate.

Mr. DALEY. I just thought I heard differently, Mr. Speaker, and I just ask the Speaker—

The SPEAKER. Well, I will listen more closely—

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. —because I think we all understand the costs.

Mr. Zug.

Mr. ZUG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill.

The SPEAKER. On final passage.

Mr. ZUG. As the sponsor of the amendment, and I guess the main portion of the bill, says this is a first step, I think that it is a better avenue to go back to State Government with Representative Clymer. I know that I have been to a number of the workshops. Representative Vitali has been there. We have done a lot of work. This is really not campaign finance reform; it is simply, as someone earlier said, a taxpayer-funded election system, money that could go to other areas of the State budget.

Thank you, and I urge a “no” vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Briefly, I think I read or heard somewhere that 7 million taxpayers have access to PCN television. I thought that was a remarkable number, and I am glad that this is replayed in the evening, because the taxpayers of the Commonwealth will get a chance to hear this debate and listen to this debate, because I heard one of the gentlemen say, Mr. Speaker, that this was a gimmick. But I think the only gimmick here, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that the majority party has failed to let campaign finance reform come to the floor for debate. It sat in committee for months, months, and years, and I think that is the gimmick, Mr. Speaker.

I think it is time that we do something about good government, about open government, about open participation,

and reform campaign finance reform, and I ask for a "yes" vote, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—106

Bard	Eachus	Manderino	Santoni
Battisto	Evans	Mann	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Mayernik	Solobay
Belfanti	George	McCall	Staback
Bishop	Gigliotti	McGeehan	Steelman
Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Stetler
Boyes	Gordner	Michlovic	Sturia
Browne	Grucela	Mundy	Surra
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Myers	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Oliver	Thomas
Caltagirone	Harhai	Pesci	Tigue
Cappabianca	Harhart	Petrarca	Travaglio
Cam	Horsey	Petrone	Trello
Casorio	James	Pistella	Trich
Cawley	Josephs	Preston	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Kaiser	Ramos	Veon
Colafella	Keller	Readshaw	Vitali
Corrigan	Kirkland	Rieger	Walko
Costa	Krebs	Roberts	Washington
Coy	LaGrotta	Robinson	Waters
Curry	Laughlin	Roebuck	Williams
Daley	Lawless	Ross	Wojnarowski
DeLuca	Lederer	Ruffing	Yewcic
Dermody	Lescovitz	Sainato	Youngblood
DeWeese	Levdansky	Samuelson	Yudichak
Donatucci	Lucyk		

NAYS—91

Adolph	Fargo	Masland	Schroder
Allen	Feese	McGill	Schuler
Argall	Fichter	McIlhattan	Semmel
Armstrong	Fleagle	McIlhinney	Seyfert
Baker	Flick	McNaughton	Smith, B.
Barley	Forcier	Metcalfe	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Gannon	Micozzie	Snyder
Bastian	Geist	Miller, R.	Stairs
Benninghoff	Godshall	Miller, S.	Steil
Birmelin	Habay	Nailor	Stern
Bunt	Hasay	Nickol	Stevenson
Chadwick	Herman	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Civera	Hershey	Orie	Taylor, J.
Clark	Hess	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Platts	Wilt
Cornell	Kenney	Raymond	Wogan
Dailey	Leh	Reinard	Wright
Dally	Lynch	Rohrer	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Maher	Rooney	Zug
DiGirolamo	Maitland	Rubley	
Druce	Major	Sather	Ryan,
Egolf	Marsico	Saylor	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Hanna	Perzel	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Hennessey			

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.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. WATERS, be placed on leave, and the gentleman from Butler, Mr. TRAVAGLIO, be placed on leave, both for the balance of the day. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1085, PN 2981**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing school lunch and school breakfast reimbursement payments from the Commonwealth.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Egolf	Major	Santoni
Allen	Evans	Manderino	Sather
Argall	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Armstrong	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Baker	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Bard	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Barley	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Barrar	Flick	McCall	Seyfert
Bastian	Forcier	McGeehan	Shaner
Battisto	Frankel	McGill	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Freeman	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Solobay
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steelman
Blaum	Godshall	Micozzie	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
Browne	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stetler
Bunt	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Sturia
Caltagirone	Harhai	Nickol	Surra
Cappabianca	Harhart	O'Brien	Tangretti
Cam	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Herman	Orie	Thomas
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Tigue
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
Civera	Horsey	Petrone	Trich
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	James	Pistella	Van Horne

Cohen, M.	Josephs	Platts	Veon
Colafella	Kaiser	Preston	Vitali
Cornell	Keller	Ramos	Walko
Corrigan	Kenney	Raymond	Washington
Costa	Kirkland	Readshaw	Williams
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Dailey	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lawless	Robinson	Wright
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yudichak
Dermody	Levdansky	Ross	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lucyk	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Ruffing	
Donatucci	Maher	Sainato	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Samuelson	Speaker

Bard	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Barley	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
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DeWeese	Lucyk	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Ruffing	
Donatucci	Maher	Sainato	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Samuelson	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Druce

EXCUSED-7

Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters
Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True	

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 2149, PN 2809**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.818, No.133), known as the Port of Pittsburgh Commission Act, further providing for specific powers of the commission; providing for economic development projects; and further providing for rights of obligees and for contracts and purchases.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-194

Adolph	Egolf	Major	Santoni
Allen	Evans	Manderino	Sather
Argall	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Armstrong	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Baker	Feese	Marsico	Schulter

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Druce

EXCUSED-7

Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters
Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True	

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.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2262 CONTINUED

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

RULES SUSPENDED

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

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended to permit Mr. George to offer an amendment at this time.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS--192

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' (192 total). Includes names like Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Carn, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Cornell, Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Curry, Dailey, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Eachus, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Grucela, Gruitza, Habay, Haluska, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadlowiec, James, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Metcalfe, Michlovic, Micozzie, Miller, R., Miller, S., Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Oliver, Ori, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Phillips, Pippy, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, J., Thomas, Tigie, Trello, Trich, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Williams, Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker.

NAYS--2

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS' (2 total): Krebs, Steelman.

NOT VOTING--1

Table listing names of members who did not vote (1 total): Druce.

EXCUSED--7

Table listing names of members who were excused (7 total): Hanna, Hennessey, Perzel, Taylor, E. Z., Travaglio, True, Waters.

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

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

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0799:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 27 (A0540) Amend Sec. 2, page 2, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 7.1. Criteria for grants.

The State Fire Commissioner shall develop criteria for the award of the one-time grants and shall submit them to the Committee on State Government of the Senate, the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness of the House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania Bulletin no later than June 30, 2000.

Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) The addition of section 7.1 of the act shall take effect immediately.
(2) This section shall take effect immediately.
(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2000, or immediately, whichever is later.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the George amendment, Mr. Snyder. I do not see Mr. George. Oh, I am sorry. Mr. George is recognized.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield until some of the members congregating around Mr. George--

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think this amendment is agreed to. It simply states that the Fire Commissioner would delegate and be responsible for the regulations. And Chairman Boyes had asked that we change the date from April to June, and we have done that, and I would believe it is agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS--194

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' (194 total). Includes names like Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Major, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Seyfert.

Bastian	Forcier	McGeehan	Shaner
Battisto	Frankel	McGill	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Freeman	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder
Belfanti	Geist	McNaughton	Solobay
Benninghoff	George	Melio	Staback
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Bishop	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steelman
Blaum	Godshall	Micozzie	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stem
Browne	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stetler
Bunt	Gruitza	Mundy	Stevenson
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
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Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Tigue
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Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Dailey	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lawless	Robinson	Wright
Dally	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rooney	Yudichak
Dermody	Levdansky	Ross	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lucyk	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Ruffing	
Donatucci	Maher	Sainato	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Samuelson	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—7

Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters
Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True	

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, who asks that the gentleman, Mr. DERMODY, be placed on leave for the balance of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2262 CONTINUED

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

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0800:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7), page 1, line 23 (A0540), by inserting after "purchases"
building maintenance and capital improvements

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary question.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. GEORGE. Do I need to suspend the rules on this?

The SPEAKER. No, Mr. George; that will not be necessary. As I view the amendment, it is a somewhat nontechnical technical change that was made because of a different printer's number, and on that basis, we always allow the amendments to be substituted.

Mr. GEORGE. I thank the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment does not do anything except to establish the fact that these moneys can be utilized by a fire company for building maintenance and capital improvements. It was not spelled out in the bill. This is all the amendment does, and we ask that you agree to it.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Boyes. The gentleman will yield.

The conferences throughout the House should be stilled.

Mr. Boyes.

Mr. BOYES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, Mr. Gordner.

Mr. GORDNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It does not show up on the computer.

The SPEAKER. I am advised that it is identical to 0497, which is on the computer. This was changed because the printer's number was changed.

Mr. GORDNER. Okay. Is that the only change, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. I would ask the gentleman, Mr. George. I believe it is. Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. Only change.

Mr. GORDNER. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Sather
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Baker	Fichter	Masiand	Scrimenti
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Barley	Flick	McCall	Seyfert
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Bastian	Frankel	McGill	Smith, B.

Battisto	Freeman	McIlhattan	Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McIlhinney	Snyder
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Belfanti	George	Melio	Staback
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Stairs
Birmelin	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steelman
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Carn	Herman	Orie	Thomas
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Tigue
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
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Dempsey	Levdansky	Ross	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lucyk	Rublely	Zug
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Ruffing	
Donatucci	Maher	Sainato	Ryan,
Eachus	Maitland	Samuelson	Speaker
Egolf	Major	Santoni	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Druce

EXCUSED-8

Dermody	Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. GRUCELA offered the following amendment No. A0483:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 14

Section 2. The sum of \$5,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the State Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter to provide tuition reimbursement to active volunteer firefighters.

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

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

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

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who represent areas with volunteer fire companies know of the current problems facing these departments. As we all know and has been stated several times here today on the floor, these volunteer fire companies are suffering a decline in their membership.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I offer the following amendment. This amendment is offered as not only a recruitment and retention proposal but as an educational investment in Pennsylvania as well. This amendment would provide for 50 percent tuition reimbursement for firefighters and their children at community colleges and State-owned and State-related institutions, where I am sure that they will receive as fine an education as I have and as many members in this House.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I say we can afford to do this, and I would ask the members to look favorably upon this amendment to help these volunteer fire companies retain their members, recruit new members, and provide an educational investment in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Tigue, desire recognition on this?

Mr. TIGUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know that this bill is not going to become law, but I think we have to take a look at this amendment. This amendment does not say it reimburses anybody for anything. It says it applies \$5 million a year for each year into a system for tuition reimbursement. Does this mean that all college students will now join a fire company and we will have a million firefighters? That is a good problem. The bad problem is, what are they going to get, \$5 apiece?

I think before we start going down this road of tuition reimbursement for people who are doing things as, quote, "volunteers," unquote, we should take a hard look at this, and I know this is going to pass overwhelmingly, but I think it is the wrong thing to do, and I am not supporting it. So I would ask people to consider this, because it does not say that you get 50 percent reimbursement for tuition; it says \$5 million is appropriated. You may get \$10. We are leading people the wrong way.

So I would ask anybody to join with me and vote against this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in support of the Grucela amendment. As stated by the previous speaker, this same type of offering is made to other organizations within the Commonwealth, the National Guard being one of them, and there has not been an influx of hundreds and thousands of people that join the National Guard because we are offering them a tuition reimbursement.

There would be criteria of participation along with this bill, and it is a good bill, and it is a good item, and one of the major issues that we talked and heard from the firefighters this summer as we canvassed the State with the hearings that we held, as well as in the report that was just put out by

Governor Ridge's office, this was also one of the major issues that the firefighters were asking for.

So I would ask for a favorable vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Tigue.

Mr. TIGUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there is a big difference between what is done with the National Guard and what this says. This does not say anything except \$5 million for tuition reimbursement. There is no formula that says you have to serve, other than be an active volunteer fireman. There is no requirement. It does not say what schools if any and all can use this. And I understand we are trying to help firemen, but if we are going to do something, let us do it right, and this is not the right way to do things, to just say, let us spend more money because they are volunteers.

No one can tell me what is in this amendment lays out a program for reimbursement. It says \$5 million is to be appropriated for tuition reimbursement for active volunteer firemen each year. It does not say how the money is to be used. It does not say, do you have to attend meetings? Do you have to do things? Who is going to determine if you are an active volunteer fireman?

There are too many questions that are not answered by the simplicity of this amendment, and again, that is why I am opposed to it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am going to support this amendment. At the same time I support this amendment, I am going to remind the gentlemen in this chamber that there is an acute shortage of schoolteachers, and as a form of encouragement for those schoolteachers to come to certain areas, we may want to reconsider in the future the same type of program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Santoni
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Sather
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Saylor
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Schroder
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Schuler
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Scrimenti
Barley	Flick	McCall	Semmel
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Bastian	Frankel	McGill	Shaner
Battisto	Freeman	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McIlhinney	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Geist	McNaughton	Snyder
Belfanti	George	Melio	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Metcalfe	Staback
Birmelin	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stairs
Bishop	Godshall	Micozzie	Steelman
Blaum	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stiel
Boyes	Grucela	Miller, S.	Stern
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Stetler
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Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Strittmatter
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Tangretti
Carr	Herman	Orie	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Thomas

Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
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Costa	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Dailey	Lederer	Robinson	Wright
Daley	Leh	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dally	Lescovitz	Rohrer	Youngblood
DeLuca	Levdansky	Rooney	Yudichak
Dempsey	Lucyk	Ross	Zimmerman
DeWeese	Lynch	Rubley	Zug
DiGirolo	Maher	Ruffing	
Donatucci	Maitland	Sainato	Ryan,
Eachus	Major	Samuelson	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS—2

Lawless Tigue

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—8

Dermody Hennessey Taylor, E. Z. True
Hanna Perzel Travaglio Waters

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

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Solobay, come to the rostrum, please. Is there a staff person with you? Yes.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. The House will stand at ease momentarily.

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

AMENDMENT A0799 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. George, who moves that the vote by which his amendment 0799 was attached to HB 2262 this date be reconsidered.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Evans	Manderino	Sather
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Saylor
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—8

Dermody	Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters

The majority 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 amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. George, who withdraws amendment 0799 at this time, without objection. The Chair hears none. The amendment is withdrawn.

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

Mr. SOLOBAY offered the following amendment No. A0796:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7), page 1, lines 19 and 20 (A0504), by striking out "one-time" and inserting
annual

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

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

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This previously amended bill has given the volunteer fire service a great opportunity with the grants of \$25 million. Unfortunately, based on what we hear and based on what is going on out there, that is not going to be enough. What this amendment does is changes it from a one-time offering to an annual appropriation, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question, Mr. Snyder.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, just for the members, this is the same language that was in amendment 454.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes, on final passage, the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wondered if the author of the bill would agree to a brief interrogation.

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

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This interrogation comes as a direct result of correspondence I received from a constituent in my district, and the question that is raised is a question as to which fire companies might access the funds herein appropriated.

Mr. BOYES. The volunteer status. We have 2,400-plus volunteer fire departments that render service to all 12 million citizens of Pennsylvania as they traverse across Pennsylvania. Does that answer the gentleman's question?

Mr. ROEBUCK. There is no then assessment as to the economic condition of the community from which those

firefighters come? Any community that has a volunteer fire company might access this pot of money?

Mr. BOYES. There will be criteria. What we have done in the past, Mr. Speaker, is to allow the fire commissioners and the institute to set up the criteria for the need basis of those grants.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Okay. Let me get to the crux of the question that was raised to me. I just want to quote a portion of the letter which I received on this issue, and it reads as follows; it says, "It's hard for me, as a Philadelphia resident who pays taxes for professional firefighters in our city, to understand why the much more wealthy suburban counties that can afford so much more for their schools and other amenities, should be given money by the state because they don't choose to spend their tax dollars on the essential activity of firefighting."

And the question is, why are we doing this? If other communities choose not to fund firefighters, why should we as a State do that when there are other communities that in fact assume that responsibility, as a result have less money for things like schools?

Mr. BOYES. I am not sure that there is an answer to that beyond the aspect that this is a program that we are considering today to help the volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We have done this before. We have provided a low-interest grant program. We were the first in the nation to do this. This is a program that was very successful, administered by the fire commissioners and the Fire Institute in Pennsylvania, and has been authorized time and time again by the voters in a referendum to continue that program. Today we have an opportunity to become the first in the nation to provide an outright grant program to assist volunteers that need this help.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I just speak to the bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will vote for this legislation. I do, however, want to make very clear that I share the concern raised by my constituent as to what we are doing here as a State government, that we are saying in effect that it is all right to choose which basic governmental services you will fund as a community and we as a State will take up the responsibility when you do not do it. I think there is something we need to think about, Mr. Speaker, because certainly in my district, I wish you would do the same thing in terms of funding schools, a very fundamental basic need that the residents of my district believe should be funded at a higher level from State government, and I certainly think it is fair, if we do that for firefighters, that we do more for those constituents that also have similar needs and have very vital needs for the welfare of the communities in which they live.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Michlovic.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make an inquiry of the prime sponsor of the bill.

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Mr. Speaker, how did you notify members of this pending legislation — the usual process of a letter to everybody?

Mr. BOYES. Normally, that is the normal process, but in this case, the notice went out; I was not around at the time when the

notice went out. So I have to tell you, normally I contact the members, from experience's aspect, to get the word out, but because of the fact this was going to be taken up very quickly before we broke previously, that process I was not involved in.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to comment on the bill.

The SPEAKER. On the question of final passage, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Mr. Speaker, I am going to support the legislation, but I just note that all of the sponsors, every one of the many, many sponsors on this legislation, are Republicans. This bill was not circulated in the usual fashion. We all, through the courtesy of offering members the opportunity to get on this legislation, we all knew it was coming. The Governor had announced that this was one of his initiatives in the budget. And I just want to cry foul on this. This is not the way that we ought to behave in terms of legislation. We ought to allow everybody that wishes to get on a piece of legislation like this the opportunity, and I would ask, since it is obvious that there is no Democratic sponsor on that, that we hold this bill open to allow members on this side of the aisle to be added to the legislation.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Michlovic, the staff assistant to the majority leader advises me that this was scheduled for a vote several weeks ago originally, and during the period of time from its being amended earlier to date, there have been some 50 or 60 additional sponsors added to the bill, and when it is reprinted, if it is reprinted — because it has been amended, it will be reprinted — there apparently will be some 50 or 60 additional sponsors listed. And if anyone here wants to get on the bill before the reprint, there is a procedure for that. There is an addition and deletion sheet that I am assuming Mr. DeWeese has or one of your leaders, and you simply write your name on it and say you want to be added or deleted from the bill.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would hope that we continue as we have in the past of an open process for cosponsoring legislation. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Snyder.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, on that last point that was raised, could the Speaker hold the bill till Monday before it gets reprinted so that it gives people the opportunity to get their sponsorships in?

The SPEAKER. I will.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—8

Dermody	Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Hanna	Perzel	Travaglio	Waters

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.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who asks that the gentleman, Mr. MASLAND, and the gentleman, Mr. DALLY, be placed on leave. Without objection, leave is granted. The Chair hears no objection.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1077, PN 1657**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unlawful use of a computer.

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

Mr. GANNON offered the following amendment No. A0541:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3933), page 2, line 10, by inserting brackets before and after "or"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3933), page 2, line 14, by inserting brackets before and after the period and inserting
; or

(4) intentionally or knowingly engages in a scheme or artifice, including, but not limited to, a denial of service attack, upon any computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, computer server or data base or any part thereof that is designed to block, impede or deny the access of information or initiation or completion of any sale or transaction by users of that computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, computer server or data base or any part thereof.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3933), page 2, line 16, by inserting brackets before and after "or (3)" and inserting immediately thereafter
, (3) or (4)

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

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

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, briefly, this amendment deals with this issue of denial-of-service attacks on computers on the Internet. A couple weeks ago we had a serious problem with some commercial sites around the country where folks who wanted to do some business on the Internet with these sites were denied access because of some vicious hackers, and this would make that a criminal conduct if it affects a citizen of the Commonwealth, if they are denied access and potentially could suffer economic loss as a result.

So I would ask a "yes" vote on this amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Blaum.

Mr. BLAUM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment.

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—10

Dally	Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Dermody	Masland	Travaglio	Waters
Hanna	Perzel		

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

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

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0603:

Amend Title, page 1, line 3, by removing the period after "computer" and inserting
; and prohibiting certain practices by telemarketers.

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 19 and 20
Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 7330. Prohibition of certain practices by telemarketers.
(a) Offense defined.—No telemarketer, as defined in section 2 of the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, shall refuse or otherwise fail to disclose the name, city, state and telephone number of the telemarketer after a recipient of a telephone solicitation by the telemarketer requests such information.

(b) Penalty.—A person who violates subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.

Amend Sec. 2, page 4, line 20, by striking out “2” and inserting
3

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

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

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment makes it a crime for telemarketers to refuse or otherwise fail to disclose the name, the city, the State, and telephone number of the telemarketer after a recipient of a phone call solicitation requests that information. I believe this is a very worthwhile amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is agreed to.

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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NOT VOTING—1

Druce

EXCUSED—10

Dally	Hennessey	Taylor, E. Z.	True
Dermody	Masland	Travaglio	Waters
Hanna	Perzel		

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

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

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes.

Wait. Mr. Cohen, do you have any announcements, or Mr. Fargo?

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, there will be a caucus tomorrow at 10:30 to go over some amendments that we have not yet caucused on.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Fargo is not calling for a caucus tomorrow morning.

Are there any corrections to the record? Reports of committees?

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Mr. Battisto.

Mr. BATTISTO. To correct the record, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday on the vote on HR 391, I was recorded in the affirmative. I want to be recorded in the negative.

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

Mr. BATTISTO. Thank you.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Somerset County, Dr. Bastian.

Mr. BASTIAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 6:05 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.