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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING

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:

Awesome God, we thank You this morning for the amazing gift of sleep; such a quiet, overlooked good and gentle grace it is. We rise from sleep born again, re-created to this never-before-nor-ever-again day, new and fresh and Yours.

Speak to us, Lord, this day Your disturbing, unwanted, off-balance, necessary Word to each timid, safe, and sorry soul. Afflict the complacent. Discomfort those who are unwilling to get their hands soiled or their faith ruffled or their lives lived; those who would rather withdraw passing than fail, who by never failing never succeed. Make them cold or hot, not tepid.

We thank You for the passion that allows us to have strong views, but in our excitement to share our views with others, we often forget our civility. Help us to respect one another's views, though they be different from ours, and not attack them for their beliefs.

Passionate God, how wonderful it is that in the midst of all the gray and banal and sad stuff of life, we have met a person really caring about truth, that we have seen something so beautiful it took our boredom away – quiet courage in a timid person, a man who could laugh at himself, a genuinely humble person who did not realize they were humble, and real indignation that was better than self-righteousness.

O God, take the sleepers from our eyes, the wax from our ears, and the cataracts from our souls so that we may have clarity to our perception and joy to our hearts this and every day. Allow the people that represent so many to be filled with passion beyond the limitations of this room and themselves so that they may have a sincere desire to care for the people whom they are called to serve.

Thank You, God, for the dependability and the democracy of nature. We are glad that the wind blows across the fences and the boundaries, whether carrying fresh air or pollution; that the sun belongs to no nation; and that from a satellite, the national boundaries are invisible; that the pink, green, red, and blue nations of the map are all earth-colored. Thank You for coloring outside of our lines.

And so, our God, we thank You today for the most constant of gifts, Your steadfast love for us throughout the generations. In interesting times, when life unravels and there seems to be nothing to hold on to, we turn to You. Your gift of hope is the thread strong enough to hold life together. With it, our dreams will never perish. May Your name be praised.

Hear this our common prayer. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 9, 2000, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2535 By Representatives CIVERA, BARRAR, RAYMOND, GORDNER, MARKOSEK, ALLEN and MAJOR

An Act amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, further providing for applications for licensure and for student barbers.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 10, 2000.

No. 2536 By Representatives BELFANTI, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, LUCYK, PHILLIPS, TRICH, LEDERER, MCGILL, WATERS, VAN HORNE, LAUGHLIN, MANDERINO, CURRY, GRUCELA, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, PETRARCA, SOLOBAY, HARHAI, COY, CLYMER, ARGALL, BEBKO-JONES, PESCI, McCALL, DeLUCA, HORSEY, RAMOS, GEORGE, STABACK, HESS, M. COHEN, SHANER, JOSEPHS, RAYMOND, YOUNGBLOOD, PETRONE, SATHER, SURRA, WOGAN, VEON, LESCOVITZ, READSHAW, TIGUE, BELARDI, YUDICHAK, HASAY and ROBERTS

An Act amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, providing further benefits; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, May 10, 2000.

No. 2537 By Representatives LaGROTTA, WILT, FARGO, M. COHEN, LAUGHLIN, CORRIGAN, MANN, ROBINSON, WALKO, MANDERINO, BEBKO-JONES, DEMPSEY, HESS, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WATERS, CORNELL, SEYFERT, GANNON, HARHAI, STABACK, RUBLEY, SEMMEL, ROONEY, YOUNGBLOOD, FICHTER, RAMOS, MELIO, EACHUS and GRUCELA

An Act providing for interscholastic athletic accountability; establishing the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Council; providing for powers and duties of the State Board of Education; establishing eligibility appeal boards; and making a repeal.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 10, 2000.

No. 2538 By Representatives GLADECK, BARRAR, BELARDI, BENNINGHOFF, BUNT, CASORIO, CLARK, CLYMER, M. COHEN, CURRY, DAILEY, GEIST, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, KENNEY, LAUGHLIN, R. MILLER, MYERS, ORIE, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROBERTS, SEYFERT, SHANER, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRICH, VEON, WATERS, WILLIAMS, WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for reimbursement for brand name prescription drugs.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, May 10, 2000.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 495 By Representative PERZEL

A Resolution creating a select subcommittee of the Committee on Education to examine and study matters relating to the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Test; and providing for its composition and powers and duties.

Referred to Committee on RULES, May 10, 2000.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1101, PN 1916

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, May 10, 2000.

SB 1178, PN 1467

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 10, 2000.

SB 1224, PN 1855

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 10, 2000.

SB 1305, PN 1681

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, May 10, 2000.

SB 1418, PN 1849

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 10, 2000.

SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SR 127, PN 1935

Referred to Committee on RULES, May 10, 2000.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1099, PN 3504**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is pleased to welcome Suzannah Mellinger. She is serving as a guest page for Representative Ron Miller. Suzannah is a seventh grade student at Eastern York Middle School. Would Suzannah please rise.

The Chair is also pleased to welcome to the House floor Jessica Griffith of Hallstead. Jessica is a guest page under Representative J. Scot Chadwick. Jessica is a junior at Montrose High School. Would Jessica please rise.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

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

HB 1728;
HB 1960; and
HB 2139.

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 1728, PN 3414; HB 1960, PN 2673; and HB 2139, PN 2792.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Madam Speaker, I move that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 1728;
HB 1960; and
HB 2139.

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

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

HB 1837, PN 2254 By Rep. SCHULER

An Act establishing the Keystone Quality Certificate program for certain child day-care providers; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare.

AGING AND YOUTH.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who moves that the lady, Miss ORIE, from Allegheny County and the gentleman, Mr. O'BRIEN, be placed on the leave list.

The Chair recognizes the minority leader, who moves that the gentleman, Mr. HARHAI, from Westmoreland County and Mr. BUTKOVITZ from Philadelphia be placed on the leave list.

Without objection, the leaves of absence are granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—197

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Bard	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Barley	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.

Barrar	Forcier	McGill	Snyder
Bastian	Frankel	Mellhattan	Soiobay
Battisto	Freeman	Mellhinney	Staback
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McNaughton	Stairs
Belardi	Geist	Melio	Steelman
Belfanti	George	Metcalfe	Steil
Benninghoff	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stern
Birmelin	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Bishop	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stevenson
Blaum	Grucela	Miller, S.	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Browne	Habay	Myers	Surra
Bunt	Haluska	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Perzel	Thomas
Carn	Hennessey	Pesci	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Petrarca	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Petrone	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Phillips	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Pippy	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Pistella	Tulli
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Platts	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	James	Preston	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Ramos	Veon
Colafella	Kaiser	Raymond	Vitali
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Walko
Corrigan	Kenney	Reinard	Washington
Costa	Kirkland	Rieger	Waters
Coy	Krebs	Roberts	Williams
Curry	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wilt
Dailey	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wogan
Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rooney	Wright
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Yewcic
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Ruffing	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Samuelson	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	
Druce	Maitland	Sather	
Eachus	Major	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Schroder	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz	Harhai	O'Brien	Orie
Gigliotti			

LETTER SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

VOTE CORRECTIONS

Mr. FLICK submitted the following letter for the Legislative Journal:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

May 10, 2000

The Honorable Matthew J. Ryan
Speaker of the House
Room 139, Main Capitol Building

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Since I was on official leave for yesterday's legislative session, I wish to submit the following remarks for the record. Due to surgery my son is going to have, I felt it necessary to be at his surgical consultation. Afterward, I did come to Harrisburg but arrived shortly after adjournment.

Had I been in the House Chamber, I would have cast my vote in the affirmative on the following legislation:

- HB 819 (Motion to Postpone)
- HB 1523 (Final Passage)
- HB 1537 (Final Passage)
- HB 1686 (Motion to Reconsider)
- HB 1686—Amendment A1992 (Motion to Reconsider)
- HB 2083 (Final Passage)
- HB 2083—Amendment A2062 (George Amendment)
- HB 2083—Amendment A2178 (Gordner Amendment)
- HB 2463 (Final Passage)
- SB 1109 (Final Passage)
- SB 1109—Amendment A2169 (O'Brien Amendment)
- SB 1109—Amendment A2221 (O'Brien Amendment)
- SB 1134 (Final Passage)

Best regards.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Flick

RJF/mmgw

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. HABAY called up **HR 487, PN 3505**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Shaler Township, Allegheny County, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary as a township of the first class in 2000.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Preston

EXCUSED—5

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| Butkovitz | Harhai | O'Brien | Orie |
| Gigliotti | | | |

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 is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House two guest pages who are here with Representative Steelman: Jenna Hennessey and Laura Kealey. They are also accompanied by their principal, Dr. Walter G. Kealey. Will all three people please rise.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 488, PN 3506**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the Village of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, as the official birthplace of Memorial Day in the fall of 1864.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Roebuck

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz	Harhai	O'Brien	Orie
Gigliotti			

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

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

Mr. GODSHALL. Madam Speaker, is there any reason we do not have calendars?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We are informed that they are being passed out right now. They are also on your computer as well.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2209, PN 3233**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act, allowing doctors with volunteer licenses to prescribe medication to family members.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A2102**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 10.1), page 1, line 15, by striking out "members of his" and inserting
any member of his

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 10.1), page 2, lines 1 through 6, by striking out "his own care or whether the family members" in line 1, all of lines 2 through 6 and inserting

that member's own care or whether that member is being treated at an approved clinic.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 10.1), page 2, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

(d) Definition.—As used in this section, the term "family member" means a volunteer license holders's spouse, child, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, mother, father, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, niece, nephew or cousin.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, on 2102, there is language in it saying that whom you could attend to is a matter of family members. This amendment simply adds niece and nephew to the list of family members for which a volunteer licensee may prescribe medication.

So often I find myself, Mr. Speaker, trying to help individuals who fall through the cracks in regard to our State laws. A niece or a nephew who is in need of a medical prescription should be considered a family member for the purpose of this act.

This amendment does not hurt the bill, Mr. Speaker. It only makes it more complete by adding these important family members to the list. I urge an affirmative vote.

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—193

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

NAYS—1

Micozzie

NOT VOTING—3

Armstrong Barley Roebuck

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz Harhai O'Brien Orié
Gigliotti

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?

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guests of Representatives McCall and Harhart, students and teachers from St. John Neuman School in Palmerton, Pennsylvania. Would the guests please rise.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2209 CONTINUED

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. The Chair awaits the arrival of the gentleman, Mr. Cohen. Until such time, HB 2209, with amendments, will be withdrawn temporarily.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today as guest pages David Hyson and Adrienne Zootell. David and Adrienne are guests of Representative Saylor. Would the guests please rise, here in the well of the House.

The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guest of Representative Coy, Antonio Diaz. He is seated to the left of the Speaker. Would the gentleman please rise.

The Chair is also pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Professor of Nursing Lenore Resick. She is from Duquesne University, the guest of the lady from Montgomery County, Mrs. Dailey. She is also a nursing school classmate of Mrs. Dailey's. Welcome to Harrisburg.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 262, PN 1913**, entitled:

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

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

Mr. **GANNON** offered the following amendment No. **A2024**:

Amend Sec. 1, page 3, line 9, by striking out "and (b)" and inserting

, (b) and (h)(1)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 5903), page 7, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

(h) Criminal prosecution.—

(1) Any person who violates subsection (a), (a.1) or (f) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Violation of subsection (a) is a felony of the third degree if the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) or if the material was sold, distributed, prepared or published for the purpose of resale.

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

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

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is merely a technical amendment which adds just a subsection enumeration, and I would ask for a "yes" vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Bard	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
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Benninghoff	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stern
Birmelin	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Bishop	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stevenson
Blaum	Grucela	Miller, S.	Strittmatter
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Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
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Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lederer	Rooney	Wright
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Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rubley	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Ruffing	Yudichak
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sainato	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Samuelson	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	
Druce	Maitland	Sather	
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Baker	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
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Dermody	Levdansky	Ruffing	Yudichak
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2313, PN 3294**, entitled:

An Act providing for certain immunizations in long-term care facilities.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A2103**:

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 20, by striking out "and location" and inserting

and the location in which and the person by whom

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 10, by striking out "and" and inserting a comma

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 10, by inserting after "location" and by whom

Amend Sec. 7, page 4, line 16, by inserting after "act," and each three-year period thereafter.

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

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

Mr. **GEORGE**. Mr. Speaker, this amendment only strives to keep records as complete as possible for employees and residents who need to be immunized under this act by including the name of the physician or nurse who administered the vaccine.

This amendment also requires the Department of Health to issue a report every 3 years to the General Assembly on the number of outbreaks, hospitalizations, and complications that have occurred due to influenza and from pneumococcal disease. Each year about 20,000 Americans die because of influenza.

I think we should adopt this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Schuler
Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Argall	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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DiGirolamo	Lynch	Santoni	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Sather	
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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 amendment was agreed to.

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

Mr. DeLUCA offered the following amendment No. A2111:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by removing the period after "facilities" and inserting
; requiring nursing homes to submit information annually to the Department of Health; requiring the Department of Health to place certain information on the Internet; and providing for certain duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Aging.

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 4 and 5

CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 5, by striking out "1" and inserting
101

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "Immunization"
and Nursing Home Consumer Internet
Information Access

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, line 8, by striking out "2" and inserting
102

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
"Consumer Information Internet Guide." The Nursing Home
Consumer Information Internet Guide required to be published under
the provisions of chapter 5.

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, by inserting between lines 12 and 13
"Elderly persons." Those persons residing within this
Commonwealth who are 60 years of age or older.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

"Nursing home." A facility that provides either skilled or
intermediate nursing care or both levels of such care to two or more
elderly persons, who are unrelated to the licensee, for a period
exceeding 24 hours. Intermediate care facilities exclusively for the
mentally retarded, commonly called ICF/MR, shall not be considered
nursing homes for the purpose of chapter 5.

CHAPTER 3

IMMUNIZATIONS IN

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 6, by striking out "3" and inserting
301

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 7, by striking out "6" and inserting
304

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 11, by striking out "4" and inserting
302

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 2, by striking out "5" and inserting
303

Amend Sec. 6, page 3, line 25, by striking out "6" and inserting
304

Amend Sec. 7, page 4, line 5, by striking out "7" and inserting
305

Amend Sec. 7, page 4, line 8, by striking out "act" and inserting
chapter

Amend Sec. 7, page 4, line 16, by striking out "act" and inserting
chapter

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

CHAPTER 5

NURSING HOME CONSUMER

INTERNET INFORMATION ACCESS

Section 501. Nursing Home Consumer Information Report.

In addition to the information required by the Department of
Health on a form provided by the Department of Health pursuant to the
provisions of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the
Health Care Facilities Act, and regulations promulgated pursuant
thereto, each nursing home shall provide to the Department of Health
no later than 90 days after the close of each calendar year the following
information on the above-referenced form:

(1) Nursing hours worked per patient per day and
nursing hours required by the Department of Health per patient
per day. Actual hours worked per patient per day are for the most
recently concluded fiscal or calendar year.

(2) Average length of service of professional nursing
staff and the average length of service of nurse aide personnel at
the nursing home completing the form.

(3) Average length of licensure and/or certification of
professional nursing staff and the average length of licensure
and/or certification of nurse aide personnel.

(4) Nursing hours per patient per day of temporary
agency professional nursing staff and nurse aide personnel.

(5) Whether a resident council exists and meets on a
regular basis.

Section 502. Nursing home consumer information.

(a) Guide.—

(1) The Department of Aging shall produce, in a timely
manner, a nursing home information site on the Internet. It shall
include:

(i) The items listed in section 501.

(ii) Information obtained from the annual
Long-Term Care Facilities Questionnaires submitted to
the Department of Health.

(iii) Information obtained from the Health Care
Financing Administration Ownership Disclosure Form.

(iv) A comparative list of nursing homes
developed in the manner provided in subsection (b).

(v) The Nursing Home Consumer Inquiry
Telephone Hotline telephone number required under
subsection (c).

(2) If errors are found in the Consumer Information
Internet Guide, all facilities shall be sent a correction sheet within
30 days of the Department of Aging's receipt of notification of
the error. For the purposes of this section, an error shall be
defined as information incorrectly transcribed from the forms
provided to the Department of Health to the consumer guide.

(3) The Department of Aging will send final proofs to
the nursing home of its data profile that will be published in the
consumer guide prior to publication. The nursing home will have
five days to notify the Department of Aging of any errors to be
corrected. If the Department of Aging receives no notification of
errors, the data profile will be considered accurate and will be
published.

(b) Comparative list.—The comparative list of nursing homes
shall be developed and included in the Consumer Information Internet
Guide by the Department of Aging. It shall include the following
information:

(1) Name of facility.

(2) Facility address and telephone number.

(3) Bed capacity.

(4) Owner of facility and managing company, if
applicable.

(5) Type of sponsorship, including, but not limited to,
governmental, nonprofit and for-profit or religious affiliation, if
applicable.

(6) Payment sources accepted, including, but not limited
to, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans' Administration, long-term
care insurance and private pay.

(7) Current license, deficiency and certification status as
determined by the Department of Health; whether, within the
previous five years, the facility has been subject to a provisional
license, a ban on admissions, penalties imposed in connection
with the licensure or certification process, a license revocation or
appointment of a temporary manager to operate the facility or
Medicare or Medicaid decertification and the corresponding
dates.

(8) Nursing hours per patient per day and nursing hours
required by the Department of Health per patient per day. Actual
hours worked per patient per day are for the most recently
concluded fiscal or calendar year.

(9) Average length of service at the nursing home of professional nursing staff and the average length of service of nurse aide staff.

(10) Average length of licensure and/or certification of professional nursing staff and the average length of licensure and/or certification of nurse aide personnel.

(11) Nursing hours per patient per day of temporary agency professional nursing staff and nurse aide personnel.

(12) A listing of existence and availability of specific therapy services, including, but not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and respiratory therapy.

(13) Whether a resident council exists and meets on a regular basis.

(14) Name and telephone number of a local ombudsman.

(15) Costs per day, month and year.

(16) Visiting hours.

(17) If there are telephones available for private conversations.

(18) If there is a registered dietitian.

(19) If there is a written emergency evacuation plan.

(20) The nearest hospital and the distance in miles from the nursing home.

(21) If there are isolation rooms for patients with contagious illnesses.

(22) If there is an Alzheimer/Parkinson disease program.

(23) Whether there are qualified physical therapists onsite.

(24) Whether there is a written description of patients rights and responsibilities.

(25) Whether there are written policies on "do not resuscitate orders," physical restraints and chemical sedation.

(26) What medical services are available onsite, including dentists, podiatrists, pharmacists, ophthalmologists.

(27) The current resident profile, including average age, race and sex.

(28) Information on how to contact the local area agency on aging, including the services available to persons over 60 years of age through the local area agency on aging.

(29) Information on community resources that can assist in the selection of a long-term care facility, such as trade associations or consumer advocacy groups.

(c) Nursing Home Consumer Inquiry Telephone Hotline.—The Department of Aging shall establish a Statewide telephone number to serve as the Nursing Home Consumer Inquiry Telephone Hotline. This number shall be a toll-free number. The purpose of this telephone number is to respond to calls regarding the current licensure, deficiency and certification status of nursing homes. All data provided by the hotline shall be updated each week using information provided by the Department of Health in a timely fashion. This telephone number shall be prominently displayed in the annual Consumer Information Internet Guide.

(d) Disclosure.—The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the Department of Aging shall mail at least the address of the Consumer Information Internet Guide to the local long-term care ombudsman of each area agency on aging, to each nursing home and to the Pennsylvania Council on Aging annually.

(e) Availability.—Each nursing home shall post next to its Department of Health license an exact copy of its listing as found in the Consumer Information Internet Guide. A nursing home shall provide to each prospective resident and family member of such prospective resident who visits the facility, or any member of the public upon request, during normal business or visiting hours, Sunday through Saturday, an exact copy of its listing as set forth in the Consumer Information Internet Guide.

(f) Inspections.—The Department of Health shall verify the availability of the listing during annual licensing surveys. The Department of Health shall monitor compliance with the requirements

of this act for regular filing of the Long-Term Care Facilities Questionnaire with the Department of Health.

(g) Update.—The Department of Health shall issue modifications to the Long-Term Care Facilities Questionnaire resulting from changes in the reimbursement system for nursing homes. Such modifications shall provide the same information in an updated format.

(h) Regulations.—The Department of Aging shall promulgate regulations setting forth proposed additions, changes, or both, if the department does any of the following:

(1) Expands the scope of the consumer guide beyond those topics expressly set forth in subsection (a).

(2) Expands the scope of the comparative list beyond those topics expressly set forth in subsection (b).

(3) Expands the scope of any topic expressly set forth in subsection (a) or (b).

Section 503. Complaints.

Complaints of noncompliance with this act shall be filed with the Department of Aging. A complainant shall include a local ombudsman, a nursing home employee, a nursing home resident, a prospective nursing home resident, or any person representing the interests of a nursing home resident or prospective nursing home resident.

Section 504. Additional consumer information.

Each nursing home shall provide to each prospective resident or representative thereof at the time of initial inquiry, a companion consumer guide which describes how to select a nursing home. This information can be either a publication of the Department of Aging, a camera-ready copy of a publication provided by the Department of Aging or a comparable publication that will inform the consumer on how to choose a nursing home.

Section 505. Penalties.

The Department of Aging shall have the authority to assess a \$1,000 civil penalty for each violation of this chapter. Any person aggrieved by an adjudication by the Department of Aging shall have the right to appeal under 42 Pa.C.S. (relating to judiciary and judicial procedure).

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 701. Repeals.

All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.

Amend Sec. 8, page 4, line 22, by striking out "8" and inserting
702

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment A2111 is an amendment that requires the department to establish certain nursing home consumer information on the Internet.

Mr. Speaker, growing older is a fact of life for every one of us. Here in Pennsylvania, by the year 2020, it is estimated that almost 25 percent of our population will be over 60. This number is staggering, and it also means that most of our families will be faced with making a very important decision about putting one of their loved ones into a nursing home, and they need all the information that they can get.

Now, every one of us has senior citizens in our district, and every one of us should want to help these families know that when they make these decisions, they are well informed about the information pertaining to this difficult decision. Currently Pennsylvania has provided very little information to help them make an informed decision about one of the most difficult yet

important decisions they may face: choosing the right nursing home for those whom they love.

You know, we work hard to ensure that proper care and treatment is provided inside our nursing homes, and as we are doing with this bill, however, we are doing very little to help those who are in the process of placing a family member in one of these homes. Those citizens have so many questions, so many concerns, and that is what this amendment is designed to do, is to help ease those fears and anxieties for our constituents who must make that life-changing decision.

Many of those decisions must be made immediately, and with very little time for writing letters, requesting booklets, visiting many different facilities, and comparing many varieties of reports that can be overwhelming to a stressed family member.

My amendment is simple. It says, in the information highway that we are on today, that we need to place this information in a useful, easy-to-read format on the Internet. The amendment calls for useful, practical information — information families want and need — accurate and up-to-date information to be placed at their fingertips.

Technology is moving at the speed of light, and the Internet is becoming a natural, commonplace location to turn for information. My amendment would ensure that our Commonwealth makes the best use of today's technology and enhances the printed information already available.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we all have our State Website address on our license plates. All we are asking today is, let us use this technology to help our families gain the knowledge they need to increase their comfort and decrease some of the stress that accompanies this decision.

Let me also say that this amendment was also a bill that was reported in the last session out of committee. It was reported June 15 of 1999 overwhelmingly out of committee. The time has come for this type of legislation, and I ask you for your consideration and your vote on this type of legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Vance, on the amendment, the DeLuca amendment.

Mrs. VANCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to oppose the DeLuca amendment not because it is a bad idea, and a year ago this information was not available. The Department of Health recently posted on their Website a survey of all the nursing homes in Pennsylvania. You can see the deficiencies and the pluses of each nursing home, and you can see what each nursing home has done to correct it. Also, I would be happy to provide anybody with a Medicare Website that compares nursing homes side by side in each county so that you can compare them and know which is the best home for your loved one.

At one time in my career, I was a charge nurse in a nursing home, so I truly care a great deal about the care that these patients get. The information is now available. As Representative DeLuca, the prior speaker, said, it was not available a year ago. It is now available. But the best way to determine the best site for your loved one is a personal visit.

But again I ask for a "no" vote, only because it would replicate what is already there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Rooney.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman, Mr. DeLuca, to stand for a brief interrogation.

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

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, you and I have worked on this issue for a long time, and I would like to just follow up on what the previous speaker suggested about the information that is contained in your amendment that would be offered to the people of Pennsylvania and the argument that it is not necessary, that the information already exists. Could you address that, because it is my understanding that that is not the case.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, although the department has made strides to put some of this information onto the information highway, which is voluntary — let me say this, it is not in statute; it is voluntary right now — a lot of this information, after researching it and having my staff people pull up some of the nursing homes in Allegheny County and talking to the Department of Aging in Allegheny County, we find out that a lot of this information is not available.

Let me just allude to what we are asking to be put on this informational highway which people do not have access to.

We are asking for the name and telephone number of the local ombudsman person there. We are asking for the cost per day, month, and year. We are asking for visiting hours. If there are any telephone numbers available for private conversations. Is there a registered dietitian on board? Is there a written emergency evacuation plan? What is the nearest hospital? If there are isolation areas and rooms for patients with contagious diseases. Is there an Alzheimer's or a Parkinson disease program? Whether there are qualified physical therapists on board. Whether there is a written description of the patient's rights and responsibilities. Whether there is a written policy on "do not resuscitate" orders, physical restraints, and chemical sedation. What medical services are available onsite, including dentists, podiatrists, pharmacists, ophthalmologists.

This is some of the information we are asking. Although some of that information is on a voluntary basis — it is not in statute — this is what we are asking for, to put in statute.

Now, I have contacted my Department of Aging in Allegheny County, and I had my staff person who is very well familiar with the Internet process, it took her a half hour to go through the different sites, and we got very little information pertaining to one of our nursing homes, which is a big nursing home, Beverly Nursing Home in Allegheny County, which is throughout the Commonwealth. We talked to the people of the Department of Aging. They could not access it themselves. They put us on to the ombudsman, who said there is certain information they could not give us.

But this is commonsense legislation, commonsense issues, requirements that somebody who is placing their loved one in this facility should know, to make an intelligent decision. We are in a busy world today. This is one of the toughest decisions a person has to make, and they should have this information. We are wiring up our schools, our libraries. Everybody is getting the Internet. The Governor is specifying that we do that on our license plates. Any one of you, turn on our Website on

our license plate and see what you can get as far as this information pertaining to your district.

That is what we are asking for, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I have concluded my interrogation. May I speak on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield for a moment.

There continues to be a loud, I cannot even call it an undercurrent anymore of conversation on the floor, and it is distracting to the people who are engaged in debate.

Mr. Rooney.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman, the maker of the amendment, the Democratic chairman of the Insurance Committee. What this amendment would do would be to provide people with much-needed information. He referenced the fact that oftentimes choosing a nursing home for one's parent or loved one is the most difficult decision a family can face. I know that firsthand. And let me say that, you know, oftentimes family members do not all live in the same community as their parent. They may have moved after having gone to school. Whatever the case may be, they are not there. And for a child of a parent who is about to be placed into a nursing home, they care as deeply about how their parent will be treated as the people, their siblings, who live in that community, who have access to go to the facility, to be able to understand all the programs that are in place and how well their parent will be treated. But if you live in California and your mother is being put in a nursing home in Bethlehem, that can be very difficult to accomplish. What the chairman, Mr. DeLuca, has offered through this amendment is some very simple and basic information that I think is not in any way, shape, or form unreasonable to ask be posted on a Website so that people can have access to this very basic information. I do not think it is excessive. I do not think it is intrusive. I think it is something that needs to occur.

As he indicated, the chairman had this bill reported out of committee and voted on, as I recall, in the last session of the General Assembly. The time to act on this important issue is today. We have the vehicle to do that through amendment A2111, and I would just ask my colleagues to stand in support of providing Pennsylvania consumers with information that they need to make informed, reasoned, intelligent decisions about the care that their loved ones will be receiving in their remaining days.

So I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Blaum.

Mr. BLAUM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the DeLuca amendment, and I have got to tell you, it is a little difficult to sit here and listen to the comments of those on the other side opposing this amendment when for years this department opposed the efforts of Representative Veon to amend legislation to get the very same information out to the people of Pennsylvania.

This information that is currently available is inadequate, and it is there at the whim of the department. It can go away at any time, and I daresay, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing on that Web page that the nursing home industry does not want on that Web page.

The people of Pennsylvania and the families of Pennsylvania deserve this information. They deserve it to be part of statute in Pennsylvania, that this information is required to be put before the public via the Internet and other means that may be available to us so that Pennsylvania families are knowledgeable about what information is contained in various reports submitted on various nursing homes.

We need only go back a few months, and we see the shortcomings of more than one department, as documented by the Auditor General in the inspections of nursing homes across Pennsylvania. This is basic information for Pennsylvania families. It should be in statute, and I ask the members for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Grucela.

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of Representative DeLuca's amendment. I believe it makes a good bill better. And like my good friend and colleague, Mr. Rooney, Representative Rooney, I have firsthand experience, and that experience, for 2 1/2 years my mother was in a nursing home. Luckily, having had county background and county experience, most of the information I was able to understand or know how to access. But I can tell you that many, many times there were members from other families who approached me for information, and that should not have to happen. I think this information is necessary. I think anyone who visits a nursing home or would have any member of their family in a nursing home would certainly appreciate this.

So I ask my colleagues to please support this amendment. I think it is a good amendment, and if you ever have the opportunity to visit these places firsthand, I think you can understand the intent.

So I ask for your support for Representative DeLuca's amendment. It makes a good bill better. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Vance, for the second time on the amendment.

Mrs. VANCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I asked that we oppose it because the information was there and is repetitive, but I will say that I will not allow old people to become a political issue, so it is there already; I pulled my nursing homes up without any problem, but we will put it in again. So we will all vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption— Do not lose this now, Mr. DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. I thank the Representative from Cumberland County for her remarks, but let me say this to you: I did not skirt the committee process. This bill came overwhelmingly out of committee on June 15, 1999. The information is not available. I disagree with my colleague. We have been on the Internet. We could not ascertain it, and I hope that each one of you would try to ascertain it as an individual to see what information that you could find out about a nursing home in your district.

So I appreciate and I thank her for supporting the amendment. I just hope that it will stay in in the Senate. Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans	Mann	Schuler
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Bishop	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stevenson
Blaum	Grucela	Miller, S.	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Browne	Habay	Myers	Surra
Bunt	Haluska	Nailor	Tangretti
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Perzel	Thomas
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Cohen, L. I.	James	Preston	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	Josephs	Ramos	Veon
Colafella	Kaiser	Raymond	Vitali
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DiGirolo	Lynch	Samuelson	Zug
Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	
Druce	Maitland	Sather	
Eachus	Major	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz	Harhai	O'Brien	Orie
Gigliotti			

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	
Druce	Maitland	Sather	
Eachus	Major	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Manderino	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz	Harhai	O'Brien	Orie
Gigliotti			

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MASLAND called up **HR 493, PN 3483**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 14 through 20, 2000, as "Pennsylvania MADD Awareness Week."

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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Allen	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
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Armstrong	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
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Donatucci	Maher	Santoni	
Druce	Maitland	Sather	
Eachus	Major	Saylor	
Egolf	Manderino	Schroder	Ryan, Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Butkovitz Harhai O'Brien Ori
Gigliotti

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2209 CONTINUED

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen, withdraws his amendment. The amendment of Mr. George has already been accepted.

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?

Mr. GORDNER, for what purpose do you rise?

Mr. GORDNER. Final passage.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. GORDNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to vote "no" against this bill, and I may be one of the few that do. I happened to take the time to pull up the Volunteer Health Services Act, and in section 2 of the act, it talks about the purpose, and it says. "It is the purpose of this act to increase the availability of primary health care services by establishing a procedure through which physicians and other health care practitioners who are retired from active practice may provide professional services as a volunteer in approved clinics serving financially qualified persons and in approved clinics located in medically underserved areas or health professionals shortage areas."

The purpose of this act, again, was to do three things: one, to allow folks to be in approved clinics serving financially qualified persons or to be in approved clinics located in medically underserved areas or health professionals shortage areas. This bill allows those volunteer folks to take care of their cousins and their sisters-in-law and their brothers-in-law and their nephews and nieces and everyone else, and it goes beyond what the intent of this Volunteer Health Services Act was supposed to do, and as a result of that, I am going to be voting "no." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am joining the gentleman who just spoke in opposing the bill, which is a little bit embarrassing because I originally signed on to it, but the more I look at this legislation, the more

I am concerned that there is a potential for abuse here when we have physicians prescribing drugs for members of their own families that we should not overlook. As the previous speaker pointed out, this language, generous and thoughtful though it may seem to be, actually violates the original intention of the volunteer licenses. Regretfully, we have to recognize the fact that medical professionals themselves have higher rates of drug addiction and abuse than the general population. Looking at the potential here for abuse within the family, I do not think I can support this bill.

The SPEAKER. Mrs. Vance.

Mrs. VANCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe perhaps a clarification may be in order.

Several years ago we passed the volunteer health license bill for retired health-care practitioners. Retired physicians have always been able to prescribe for their family. That has never changed. That has always been the practice. So some of them started to work in volunteer clinics with a volunteer license, giving of their time. The Department of State said, well, the legislation that we had passed earlier did not specifically give them the right to continue to do that. So we need to do this in order for them to keep volunteering in clinics. We had physicians who were already volunteering in clinics who decided, well, if I cannot continue to prescribe for my family, as I had for generations and generations, I am not going to volunteer my time.

The bottom line, by voting “no” on this, is that you are impacting people that are getting much-needed service in clinics because these retired health-care professionals are volunteering their time, and I urge you to vote “yes” in order to facilitate these clinics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

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NAYS—5

Cohen, M.	Melio	Steelman	Tigue
Gordner			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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

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

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes today.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. There will be a meeting on the adjournment motion of the Agriculture Committee in the rear of the hall of the House.

Are there any other announcements?

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Fargo.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a meeting in the caucus room, a caucus of the Republican members. I think you will want to be there. It is an extremely important meeting, so please head for the caucus room upon recess. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Republican members, please go immediately to the caucus room.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will also be a Democratic caucus on the first of the bills that we know are going to come up next week.

The SPEAKER. Democratic members will report to their caucus room. Mr. Cohen, now?

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Mr. Stairs.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At 1 o'clock, after caucuses and a short lunch break, I would like to reconvene the Education Committee meeting that we recessed earlier in the morning. So that is at 1 o'clock, room 205, the Ryan Office Building.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

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

HB 1333;
HB 1334;
HB 1853; and
HB 2261.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be placed back upon the table:

HB 1333;
HB 1334;
HB 1853; and
HB 2261.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

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

HB 549, PN 573

By Rep. STAIRS

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 purchase of supplies.

EDUCATION.

HB 581, PN 3529 (Amended)

By Rep. ARGALL

An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, including boroughs in the definition of "city" for purposes of creation of a redevelopment authority.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

HB 2163, PN 2823

By Rep. ARGALL

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, further providing for vacancies in council, office of mayor, controller and treasurer.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

HB 2436, PN 3280

By Rep. ARGALL

An Act amending the act of August 23, 1967 (P.L.251, No.102), known as the Economic Development Financing Law, further providing for membership and compensation of the authority; and making editorial changes.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

HB 2440, PN 3530 (Amended)

By Rep. ARGALL

An Act amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), referred to as the Second Class City Law, prohibiting certain residency requirements in construction contracts.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

HB 2441, PN 3531 (Amended)

By Rep. ARGALL

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, prohibiting certain residency requirements in construction contracts.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

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. Are there any further announcements? Any corrections to the record? Any further business from either of the leadership desks?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, May 15, 2000, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:08 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.