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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

#### PRAYER

REV. DR. TIM F. ROACH, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O God of every grace and blessing, we rejoice this day with all of Your creation at the coming of the new season of spring. Yet as seasons transition, we are mindful of Your love and concern that never change. We are both humbled and emboldened by Your concern for each and every aspect of life and for every person and circumstance. Yours is the way of wholeness, well-being, and health for all. Empower us to pursue it.

As the legislators of this Commonwealth gather yet again, we pray for Your presence in their midst. In the business of governance, may Your wisdom and compassion govern them. In the diversity of their concerns, may they be ever directed by Your vision. Amid the cacophony of voices that cry out to them, may they clearly hear and heed Your counsel. And amid the myriad of options and possibilities that come before them and that are produced by them, may they be empowered to discern Your will.

Abide, O God, with this House. Be with its members and their families. Reside also with the families that are served here.

Bless this House, O God, and bless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 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 19, 2001, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

### SENATE MESSAGE

#### ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate  
March 19, 2001

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 26, 2001, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the Senate adjourns the week of March 26, 2001, it reconvene on Monday, April 2, 2001, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 2, 2001, 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.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1061** By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, DeWEESE, BELARDI, LESCOVITZ, MARKOSEK, TRAVAGLIO, STABACK, BELFANTI, BEBKO-JONES, GRUCELA, LAUGHLIN, SHANER, WOJNAROSKI, TANGRETTI, SOLOBAY, PISTELLA, FRANKEL, JAMES, WANSACZ, McILHATTAN, COY, WATERS, M. COHEN, L. I. COHEN, HORSEY, J. WILLIAMS, HENNESSEY, CAPPABIANCA, HARHAI, COLAFELLA, YOUNGBLOOD, TRELLO, STEELMAN and EACHUS

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonstate service.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1062** By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, DeWEESE, BELARDI, LESCOVITZ, MARKOSEK, TRAVAGLIO,

STABACK, BELFANTI, BEBKO-JONES, GRUCELA, LAUGHLIN, SHANER, WOJNAROSKI, TANGRETTI, SOLOBAY, PISTELLA, FRANKEL, JAMES, WANSACZ, EACHUS, McILHATTAN, COY, WATERS, M. COHEN, L. I. COHEN, HORSEY, J. WILLIAMS, HENNESSEY, CAPPABIANCA, HARHAI, COLAFELLA, YOUNGBLOOD, TRELLO and STEELMAN

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1063** By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, LEH, DALEY, BELFANTI, STABACK, SHANER, LAUGHLIN, JAMES, WANSACZ, COY, WATERS, M. COHEN, L. I. COHEN, FLICK, J. WILLIAMS, COLAFELLA, SAINATO, YOUNGBLOOD, SURRA and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an exclusion from sales and use tax for tangible personal property upon which the tax had been previously paid.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1064** By Representatives HERMAN, ARMSTRONG, HENNESSEY, SOLOBAY, BELFANTI, M. COHEN, LAUGHLIN, McILHATTAN, NICKOL, PRESTON, SCHULER, TRELLO, WILT and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1974 (P.L.34, No.15), known as the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, further providing for administrative expenses.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1065** By Representatives WILT, CAPPABIANCA, CAPPELLI, DALEY, DeWEESE, HARHAI, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, PIPPY, READSHAW, SAINATO, SHANER, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WANSACZ and WOGAN

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1998 (P.L.980, No.129), known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for exemptions.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1066** By Representatives WILT, CORRIGAN, GEIST, HARHAI, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LYNCH, METCALFE, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SHANER, WOGAN and WOJNAROSKI

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 20, 2001.

**No. 1067** By Representatives WILT, BARD, GEIST, HARHAI, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, SAYLOR, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for vehicle immobilization for defendants convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1068** By Representatives WILT, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, SAINATO and TIGUE

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for definitions and for self-employment eligibility for corporate officers.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1069** By Representatives WILT, M. COHEN, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for distributors' and importing distributors' restrictions on sales and storage.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1070** By Representatives WILT, M. COHEN, DALLY, FREEMAN, GEIST, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LYNCH, McILHINNEY, SAINATO and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act regulating the practice of naturopathic medicine and the right to practice medically related acts; establishing the State Board of Naturopathic Medicine and providing for its composition, powers and duties; providing for the issuing of licenses and certificates and the suspension and revocation of licenses and certificates; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1071** By Representatives WILT, GODSHALL, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, ROSS, SAYLOR, TIGUE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for accident reports.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1072** By Representatives WILT, ALLEN, M. BAKER, BARD, BENNINGHOFF, CLYMER, DALLY, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MANN, METCALFE, PIPPY, READSHAW, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SEMMEL, SHANER, STABACK, TIGUE, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for refunds.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1073** By Representatives WILT, BELARDI, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DALLY, DeWEESE, J. EVANS, FICHTER, GEIST, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, LYNCH, MANN, S. MILLER, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SEMMEL, SHANER, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for areas to commemorate POWs and MIAs at rest stops and welcome centers.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1074** By Representatives WILT, M. COHEN, DeWEESE, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, ROSS, SAINATO, SAYLOR, J. TAYLOR and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, further providing for retention percentages for pari-mutuel pools.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1075** By Representatives WILT, M. BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, HERSHEY, LAUGHLIN, LEH, S. MILLER, SHANER, STABACK, T. STEVENSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act prohibiting recorders of deeds from publishing sales price information under certain circumstances.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1076** By Representatives TULLI, BARD, RUBLEY, WOJNAROSKI, M. BAKER, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CLARK, M. COHEN, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FICHTER, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSICO, McCALL, MELIO, R. MILLER, ORIE, RAYMOND, READSHAW, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STEIL, STERN, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WATSON, C. WILLIAMS, WILT, WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD and VITALI

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for authorization, promotion and use of personal power generation sources.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1077** By Representatives RUBLEY, TULLI, MUNDY, McCALL, BASTIAN, BARD, READSHAW, WOJNAROSKI, MELIO, WANSACZ, LEVDANSKY, STEIL, STEELMAN, ROSS, M. BAKER, BARRAR, BELARDI, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, L. I. COHEN, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DAILEY, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GEORGE, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, MAHER, MAITLAND, NAILOR, ORIE, PIPPY, SCHRODER, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, VANCE, VITALI, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS and HARPER

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 tax; and providing for an energy-efficient building tax credit.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1078** By Representatives BARD, TULLI, HERSHEY, WOJNAROSKI, BASTIAN, RUBLEY, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, L. I. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DAILEY, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, McCALL, McILHATTAN, MELIO, R. MILLER, MUNDY, ORIE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, RAYMOND, READSHAW, ROSS, SAINATO, SATHER, SAYLOR, SHANER, B. SMITH, STEELMAN, STEIL, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRELLO, VITALI, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and TRICH

An Act providing for the creation of wind energy enterprise zones to foster the development of wind energy generation sites; providing tax exemptions, providing tax credits, establishing the Wind Energy Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and prescribing powers and duties of certain State departments.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1079** By Representatives WOJNAROSKI, TULLI, McCALL, RUBLEY, BASTIAN, BARD, MUNDY, READSHAW, MELIO, WANSACZ, LEVDANSKY, STEIL, STEELMAN, ROSS, ORIE, GEORGE, BELARDI, M. COHEN, LAUGHLIN, STERN, DALLY, CALTAGIRONE, WALKO, CREIGHTON, HENNESSEY, GODSHALL, GEIST, J. WILLIAMS, DeWEESE, SAINATO, JOSEPHS, MANN, SURRA, PISTELLA, McILHATTAN, GRUCELA, BELFANTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, KELLER, PRESTON, FREEMAN, TANGRETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, SHANER, PETRARCA, VITALI, YUDICHAK, HARHAI, C. WILLIAMS and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for renewable electricity generation grants and incentives; establishing the Renewable Electricity Generation Fund; imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Department of General Services; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1080** By Representatives TRICH, LEDERER, WALKO, MUNDY, CURRY, WOJNAROSKI, STURLA, SCRIMENTI, DeWEESE, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, C. WILLIAMS, SAINATO, LAUGHLIN, BEBKO-JONES, TRELLO, SHANER, JOSEPHS, WASHINGTON, JAMES, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, STEELMAN and PRESTON

An Act requiring police departments to adopt and follow a domestic violence response policy.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1081** By Representatives TRICH, LEDERER, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, SATHER, STABACK, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON, JAMES, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, STEELMAN and PRESTON

An Act requiring certain facilities that provide treatment to mentally ill persons to periodically report to the Department of Public Welfare the residency of such persons.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1082** By Representatives TRICH, LEDERER, WALKO, CURRY, WOJNAROSKI, DeWEESE, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, JOSEPHS, WASHINGTON, JAMES, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, PRESTON and CLYMER

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for coroner's investigations and inquests.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1083** By Representatives TRICH, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SAINATO, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, STEELMAN, PRESTON and FRANKEL

An Act amending the act of December 1, 1959 (P.L.1647, No.606), known as the Business Development Credit Corporation Law, further providing for loans by financial institutions.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1084** By Representatives TRICH, LEDERER, WALKO, DeWEESE, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, SAINATO, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, GRUCELA, STEELMAN and PRESTON

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a transfer of a portion of the personal income tax revenues to the counties for economic development purposes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1085** By Representatives TRICH, GEORGE, LEDERER, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, BELARDI, STABACK, SAINATO, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, JOSEPHS, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, GRUCELA, STEELMAN and PRESTON

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for unlawful acts and penalties.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1086** By Representatives TRICH, GEORGE, LEDERER, WALKO, CURRY, CAPPABIANCA, STURLA, DeWEESE, SOLOBAY, BELARDI, C. WILLIAMS, BELFANTI, SAINATO, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, JOSEPHS, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI, GRUCELA, STEELMAN, PRESTON and FRANKEL

An Act establishing a fund to provide incentives for postgraduate Pennsylvania residence retention.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1087** By Representatives TRICH, GEORGE, WALKO, CURRY, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOBAY, BELARDI, BELFANTI, TIGUE, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI and PRESTON

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing medical assistance payments for institutional care and for other medical assistance payments.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1088** By Representatives TRICH, WALKO, STERN, CURRY, STURLA, SOLOBAY, C. WILLIAMS, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, HORSEY, HARHAI and PRESTON

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1089** By Representatives DeLUCA, TRELLO, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BLAUM, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, COSTA, DeWEESE, FEESE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, MELIO, MUNDY, MYERS, ORIE, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, RUFFING, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STEELMAN, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRICH, VEON, WALKO, WATERS, C. WILLIAMS, J. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and CRUZ

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

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1090** By Representatives SATHER, FLEAGLE, SAYLOR, ORIE, M. COHEN, FAIRCHILD, CALTAGIRONE, MYERS, SOLOBAY, SHANER, LAUGHLIN, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, M. BAKER, BELARDI, BEBKO-JONES, GEIST, LUCYK, McCALL, J. TAYLOR, GRUCELA, HESS, SCHRODER, PIPPY, FREEMAN, HARHAI, BELFANTI, MELIO, HUTCHINSON, SEMMEL, YOUNGBLOOD, PETRARCA, TIGUE, ROBERTS, HASAY and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an emergency services registration plate; creating an emergency services incident safety fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1091** By Representatives PISTELLA, SCHULER, BELARDI, BELFANTI, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, R. MILLER, MYERS, PETRONE, PRESTON, READSHAW, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, THOMAS, WALKO, WANSACZ, J. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YUDICHAK, HARHAI, CORRIGAN and TRELLO

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, providing for courier pickup and delivery services.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1092** By Representatives J. TAYLOR, BROWNE, FICHTER, HENNESSEY, KENNEY, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BLAUM, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CIVERA, L. I. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRUZ, DALEY, FEESE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, McCALL, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, MYERS, PETRARCA, PRESTON, RAYMOND, SANTONI, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, STABACK, SURRA, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for minimum wage rates.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 1093** By Representatives SAYLOR, VANCE, NICKOL, MACKERETH, BLAUM, FAIRCHILD, HERMAN, ARGALL, M. BAKER, BARD, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPABIANCA, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, CORNELL, CRUZ, DALLY, DeLUCA, FEESE, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HESS, JOSEPHS, LYNCH, McCALL, McILHATTAN, McILHINNEY, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, R. MILLER, MYERS, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, SATHER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, WALKO, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, ZUG, NAILOR, SANTONI, GRUCELA, C. WILLIAMS, RUBLEY, THOMAS, J. WILLIAMS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing mandatory insurance coverage for general anesthesia for dental care for certain persons.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 20, 2001.

### HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 107** By Representatives WILT, M. COHEN, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROSS, SHANER, THOMAS and TIGUE

A Resolution calling for a cost and services study of the county juvenile probation system by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 20, 2001.

**No. 108** By Representatives BISHOP, LAUGHLIN, ROBINSON, CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, STEELMAN, CORRIGAN, DALEY, BELFANTI, HERSHEY, SOLOBAY, PISTELLA, HARHAI, EACHUS, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS, JOSEPHS, PRESTON, HORSEY, WATERS, COLAFELLA and THOMAS

A Resolution calling on the United States Department of the Interior to rescind its order to the Piscataway Indian Nation requiring the dismantling of the sacred sweat lodge at the Tayac Burial Site in Piscataway National Park in Maryland.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 2001.

**No. 110** By Representatives GANNON, ARGALL, BARRAR, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CIVERA, L. I. COHEN, COSTA, DALEY, FEESE, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, JAMES, LEDERER, MELIO, MICOZZIE, PISTELLA, SATHER, SHANER, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to study the publication of legal notices.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 20, 2001.

**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be removed from the table:

HB 412;  
HB 454;  
HB 599;  
HB 608;  
HB 665;  
HB 678; and  
HB 679.

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 412, PN 1144; HB 454, PN 706; HB 599, PN 656; HB 608, PN 664; HB 665, PN 738; HB 678, PN 751; and HB 679, PN 752.

**BILLS RECOMMITTED**

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

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

HB 412;  
HB 454;  
HB 599;  
HB 608;  
HB 665;  
HB 678; and  
HB 679.

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

**ACTUARIAL NOTES**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of actuarial notes on the following bills: SB 16, PN 10; amendment A0730 to HB 433, PN 470; amendment A0731 to HB 433, PN 470; HB 433, PN 470; HB 1015, PN 1160; and HB 8, PN 611.

(Copies of actuarial notes are on file with the Journal clerk.)

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF SPONSORS**

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

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

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Mr. Smith, who requests a leave of absence for the lady, Miss ORIE, and the gentleman, Mr. SEMMEL, for the remainder of the week. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears none. For today's session, leave is requested for the gentleman, Mr. MICOZZIE; the gentleman, Mr. RAYMOND; and the gentleman, Mr. ADOLPH. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears none.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Veon, the Democratic whip, who requests a leave for today's session for the gentleman, Mr. McGEEHAN, and the gentleman, Mr. BUTKOVITZ. Without objection, these leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED**

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. McGeehan's presence is noted on the floor of the House. Take him from the leave list.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**PRESENT—193**

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## ADDITIONS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
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Cappabianca	Micozzie		

## GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House a number of guests today.

First, seated in the gallery is Joe Pavlik, a cousin of Representative Julie Harhart. Would the gentleman please rise to be welcomed to Harrisburg.

Representative Susan Laughlin has with her today a group of Girl Scouts from — I believe I have this right — 989 Trail Service Unit. Would these guests please rise.

Also, there is a group of senior citizens visiting with us today from the Highlands at Wyomissing in Berks County. They are here today as the guests of the Berks County delegation and Representatives Schuler and Pistella. Would these guests please acknowledge their presence, in the rear of the hall of the House.

There are two guests of Representative Tulli with us today, Paul Carey and Bob Ebert, from the Milton Hershey School here in Hershey. Would these guests, who are to the left of the Speaker, please rise.

Here today as the guests of Representative Robert Flick are certain representatives of the Valley Forge Military College: Cadet 1st Sgt. Jared Maples; Cadet Capt. Gregory Holloway; Dr. Anthony Celso, a professor of history and government at the college; and Capt. David Smedley, director of financial aid at the academy and college. Would these guests please rise. I do not show where they are seated.

I may have to call on this next group for some help to maintain order. In the balcony is a group of the Fraternal Order of Police from the Allegheny Valley Lodge 39, seated in the gallery, the guests of Representative Casorio. Would these guests please rise.

## JULIA PUDLIN PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The lady, Ms. Williams, come to the rostrum.

Ms. Williams.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am really proud to be a Pennsylvanian, serving a State with such great athletics. How proud we all are of our basketball teams. The dedication to their sport, the excellence these athletes strive for are wonderful examples for all our children. I know that we all enjoy being able to share the best and the brightest with our colleagues in the House and Senate.

Today I have the honor of presenting to you a young runner whose speed, talent, and accomplishments are quickly elevating her to the ranks of some of Pennsylvania's greatest track stars, including Jim Thorpe, Netta Young Hughes, and Elaine Van Blunk. Named Pennsylvania's cross-country Women's Athlete of the Year by the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association, Julia Pudlin of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, is an 11th grader at the Baldwin School. She won the Pennsylvania Independent Schools State Championship in both 9th and 10th grades, and when she won it in 9th grade, at the age of 13, she became the youngest State champion in meet history. She is one very fast woman.

For 4 years I have wanted to introduce Julia to you, but each year her parents would say, wait another year. Finally this year we have Julia with us, and based on her accomplishments, which are outlined in the citation I am about to read, you will agree that we can expect yearly visits from this young champion. Julia.

"WHEREAS" — this citation will be presented to her today — "A former soccer player-turned elite cross-country and track and field athlete, Ms. Pudlin has achieved extraordinary success as a runner....her dual meet record in cross-country is a perfect 25 wins including the first five meets of the 2000 season. She holds the course record at every school at which she has competed, in addition to winning the Pennsylvania Independent Schools State Championship in both ninth and tenth grades, setting the meet record as a sophomore.... Named 2000 Women's Athlete of the Year..., Ms. Pudlin finished eighth in the prestigious Foot Locker High School Cross Country National Championships on December 9, 2000. In January 2001..., she went on to break an eight-year-old Pennsylvania Indoor record, becoming the first girl to go under ten minutes in the 3000 event with a national best time of 9:57.6. She has also been recently named to her third consecutive Pennsylvania All-State First Team."

I am delighted to be able to present Julia to you today. She is joined here today — sitting in the back of the room — by her school coach, Suzanne Valutas; the athletic director of the Baldwin School, Pat West; and her dad, David Pudlin. They are in the back. Julia.

I hope you will join with me and with Representative Vitali, whose successful Division I career at Villanova qualifies him as a track star as well, and with all you other runners here, both weekend or varsity, in giving a round of applause for this remarkable young Pennsylvanian.

**BILL McMILLEN PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order.

I am taking the liberty at this time to do something that is not ordinarily done, and that is allow a nonmember to address the House, but this is a nonmember who used to be a member, and I am going to first recognize Mr. Coleman and ask him to explain who this special guest is.

Mr. COLEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In my brief comments this morning, I would like to join with the busload of friends and well-wishers from Indiana County who today celebrate the remarkable life of Representative Bill McMillen. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize his daughters, Judie Mathis and Janice McMillen; son-in-law Andrew Terhune; Bob Kunkle; and a former member of the Pennsylvania House, Representative Paul Wass.

Mr. McMillen is here today marking 94 years of life and 60 years since taking his oath in this chamber. Mr. McMillen is the last pre-Pearl Harbor House member alive in the 21st century. During his tenure from 1941 to 1952, Representative McMillen chaired the Military Affairs and Aeronautics Committees and vice-chaired the Committee on Townships. His leadership, Mr. Speaker, brought Arbor Day to Pennsylvania. He established the Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission. He authored the act that exchanged the land that is now the Harrisburg International Airport.

A proud U.S. naval veteran; a husband and father; county commissioner, entrepreneur, and businessman; Blairsville, Pennsylvania's favorite son; a mentor and friend to me, I proudly present this citation on behalf of the House of Representatives and ask that my colleagues and guests join me in welcoming back this good man, this honorable man, Representative Bill McMillen.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana County, Mr. McMillen.

Mr. McMILLEN. Mr. Speaker, members of the House, and guests, you do not know what a great pleasure it is for me to be here today, and especially when I can go through this building as I have done many, many times, but never have I been more pleased with the appearance of our Capitol than it is today. Let us give somebody a big hand for that.

I do not know what I could say that would help you people to get more bills out, get more taxes taken down, give us more money back home to spend without having to pay it back. I warn you, you better get on the ball or we are going to come back and take this place over.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great, great pleasure for me to be here today for many, many reasons. I go back early in my career, coming right out of the country, and a raw country, too, and came down here to represent the people of Indiana County after I had taught two or three terms of school. My mother thought when I was getting started in life that it would be so nice and so pleasant if she could say she had a son who was a minister. She would say, "Bill, if you just will go away and study and become a minister, I'll pay all the bills. We'll get the money someway to pay your expenses." Then I would tease her a little bit, and we would talk back and forth, and finally she would come over with this: "Bill, we'll get the money so you can go away and learn to be a preacher." Finally I said to her one day, "Mother, I don't want to be paid to be good; I just want to be good for nothing." We laughed and talked about it, but she did not forget

the incident, because about 2 years, 3 years later, I became a real honest-to-goodness legislator for Indiana County. When I went home and picked up my mail, the first thing I got when I picked it up was a postcard, a penny postcard. Did you ever see— How many have seen a penny postcard? There is no such thing anymore. But on this postcard, where everybody could read it, she just wrote, "Dear William" — never called me Bill in her life — "Dear William, I'm so glad to see you have finally arrived." She did not know how sorry she should be for that, because it was not long until I became so terribly and thoroughly involved with what was going on on the floor of this House. I enjoyed every minute of it, and I will tell you that what you do here has a big effect on many other parts of the country.

My congratulations to you and my thank-you again for this gorgeous, gorgeous room and the rest of the Capitol Building. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It is nice to be here.

The SPEAKER. Mr. McMillen, on behalf of the House, I am presenting you with a ceremonial gavel so that when you come back on your one hundred and eighty— 94 and 94 is how many? — 188th birthday, you will have something to preside with. Thank you very much for being with us, and we look forward to seeing you again and again.

Mr. McMILLEN. Now he is trying to bribe me to come back already.

Let me tell you an honest-to-goodness story about the gavel.

I was presiding over the House, trying to get it in order, and sometimes it is pretty difficult, and I had in my hand a mallet with the head of it made of marble and ridged like this, and I am pounding on the desk up there to try to get enough noise that would make them come down and sit down in their seats. A spall flew off the side of that head as I was banging it down, so I just took the thing home with me, and today it is in my gimme pot and one of my treasured things, a gavel from the House of Representatives with a side knocked off.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I have one just like it at home.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. There is a group of students from the University of Pittsburgh here today who are shadowing members of the House. I wonder if these students would please rise. Come from the shadows. There they are. Welcome to Harrisburg.

There is a group of students from Muhlenberg College of Allentown here with us today as the guests of Representative Jane Baker seated in the balcony. Would they please rise.

The Optimist Club of Daniel Boone sponsors a trip to the State Capitol every year for students selected from the junior class of the— It does not say the school. But in any event, Tom Kirchner, chairman of the Optimist Club of Daniel Boone; Mary Ann Uviary, chaperon; Eric Kronmuller, chaperon; and a group of students are here as the guests of Representative Dennis Leh. Would these students and their sponsors please rise.

Representative Stanley Saylor has as guest pages today Matthew Ward and Ben Burns, both juniors at Kennard-Dale High School in southern York County. Would they please rise.

The Chair welcomes Jonathan McRoberts, a seventh grader at South Eastern Middle School in York County, serving today

as a guest page, as the guest of Representative Dermody. Would he please rise.

Nicole Simmons is a guest page today. She is an eighth grade student at St. Theresa's and is the guest of Representative Ron Marsico. Would she please rise.

**CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 326, PN 343**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting certain pointing of laser beams.

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

**BILL RECOMMENDED**

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. **PERZEL**. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 326 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 52, PN 773**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the definition of "taxing district" and for repeals.

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

Mr. **CAWLEY** offered the following amendment No. **A0744**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 29, by removing the period after "REPEALS" and inserting  
; and imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Amend Bill, page 7, line 28, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 4. If a city of the second class A and the county in which the city is located reach an agreement as to implementation of this act, by resolution, ordinance or contract, a copy of the resolution, ordinance or contract shall be filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development. When filings are made under this section for all cities of the second class A, the department shall transmit notice of this fact to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Section 5. This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) Section 4 of this act shall take effect immediately.
- (2) This section shall take effect immediately.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon publication of the notice under section 4 of this act.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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**NAYS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—10**

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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:

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Egolf	Lynch	Santoni	
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
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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.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. READSHAW called up HR 62, PN 846, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 22, 2001, as "Parents' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

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Evans, D.	Mackereth	Sather	Ryan,
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. PERZEL called up **HR 76, PN 957**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of April 23, 2001, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week."

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

**RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.  
Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HR 76 be recommitted to the Rules Committee.

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

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Mr. ROHRER called up **HR 101, PN 1195**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the week of April 2, 2001, as "Pennsylvania Academic Competition Week" in Pennsylvania; and urging the Department of Education, local school districts and intermediate units to participate in the tenth annual Statewide Pennsylvania Academic Competition on April 6, 2001.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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

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Mr. CURRY called up **HR 106, PN 1199**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 1 through 7, 2001, as "National Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Allen	Fairchild	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Feese	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fichter	Manderino	Shaner
Baker, J.	Fleagle	Mann	Smith, B.
Baker, M.	Flick	Markosek	Smith, S. H.
Bard	Forcier	Marsico	Solobay
Barley	Frankel	Mayernik	Staback
Barrar	Freeman	McCall	Stairs
Bastian	Gabig	McGeehan	Steelman
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McGill	Steil
Belardi	Geist	McIlhattan	Stern
Belfanti	George	McIlhinney	Stetler
Benninghoff	Godshall	McNaughton	Stevenson, R.
Birmelin	Gordner	Melio	Stevenson, T.
Bishop	Grucela	Metcalfe	Strittmatter

Blaum	Gruitza	Michlovic	Sturla
Boyes	Habay	Miller, R.	Surra
Browne	Haluska	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Bunt	Hanna	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Harhai	Myers	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Nailor	Thomas
Cappelli	Harper	Nickol	Tigue
Casorio	Hasay	O'Brien	Travaglio
Cawley	Hennessey	Oliver	Trello
Clark	Herman	Pallone	Trich
Clymer	Hershey	Perzel	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Petrarca	Vance
Cohen, M.	Horsey	Petrone	Veon
Colafella	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vitali
Coleman	Jadlowiec	Pickett	Walko
Corrigan	James	Pippy	Wansacz
Costa	Josephs	Pistella	Washington
Coy	Kaiser	Preston	Waters
Creighton	Keller	Readshaw	Watson
Cruz	Kenney	Reinard	Williams, C.
Curry	Kirkland	Rieger	Williams, J.
Dailey	Krebs	Roberts	Wilt
Daley	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wogan
Dally	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Lawless	Rohrer	Wright
Dermody	Lederer	Rooney	Yewcic
DeWeese	Leh	Ross	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Lescovitz	Rublely	Yudichak
Diven	Levdansky	Ruffing	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Lewis	Sainato	Zug
Eachus	Lucyk	Samuelson	
Egolf	Lynch	Santoni	
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Sather	Ryan,
Evans, J.	Maher	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. DIVEN called up HR 109, PN 1218, entitled:

A Resolution welcoming Cuban dignitaries visiting this Commonwealth and promoting friendship and peace between the Commonwealth and Cuba.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-193

Allen	Fairchild	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Feese	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fichter	Manderino	Shaner
Baker, J.	Fleagle	Mann	Smith, B.
Baker, M.	Flick	Markosek	Smith, S. H.

Bard	Forcier	Marsico	Solobay
Barley	Frankel	Mayernik	Staback
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Caltagirone	Harhart	Nailor	Thomas
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Clark	Herman	Pallone	Trich
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Cohen, M.	Horsey	Petrone	Veon
Colafella	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vitali
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Dermody	Lederer	Rooney	Yewcic
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DiGirolamo	Lescovitz	Rublely	Yudichak
Diven	Levdansky	Ruffing	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Lewis	Sainato	Zug
Eachus	Lucyk	Samuelson	
Egolf	Lynch	Santoni	
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Sather	Ryan,
Evans, J.	Maher	Saylor	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. On page 1 of today's calendar, HB 510, this bill is over.

**STATEMENT BY MR. REINARD**

The SPEAKER. However, the gentleman, Mr. Reinard, desires to be recognized under unanimous consent and is so recognized.

Mr. REINARD. Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to take a few moments to express probably my deep regret over this body's actions today.

HB 510 is probably one of the first pieces of legislation that I ever introduced back 18 years ago, and it is a very innocuous piece of legislation that deals with environmental discharge. Unfortunately, it has passed this House on more than one occasion, and unfortunately, because it is an Administrative Code bill, it has been amended greatly as it passed this House, and each time it received the attention of the Senate, and it was unanimous, they were not going to bring the bill up to go over individual amendments and decide which ones of the House amendments were good and which were not, and so the bill had died on each and every occasion.

After 18 years and one last try today, I must admit, my frustration level has reached its point, and HB 510 will not be run any longer this term. I am going to do my very best to get it passed by rules through DEP (Department of Environmental Protection).

There are six members who had amendments today, whom I asked personally, each and every one of them, to withdraw. I am real happy to say, of the six, four did, and I do appreciate them doing that. This is not a regular, standard case. I do not make it a point of going around to members, asking them to withdraw amendments, but when a measure has passed this House on more than one occasion, each time to its demise by our amendment process, I think at one point, after 18 years, the bill deserves to have a life. Unfortunately, it did not today. I have a lot of regret, but I am hopeful that through some work with DEP, we will be able to solve this problem. But I do say to the two members that did not, I feel very sad that you take that type of position. I think it is really, after the explanation, it is, as far as I can say, disrespect to the process of trying to get, after 18 years, one thing good for all people in Pennsylvania, and, Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, but I respectfully am not looking at today as a very bright day in the House of Representatives. Thank you.

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, who calls for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED  
FROM COMMITTEE**

**HR 100, PN 1147**

By Rep. PERZEL

A Resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings on energy prices.

RULES.

**STATEMENT BY MR. GEORGE**

The SPEAKER. Mr. George, do you seek recognition? For what purpose does the gentleman rise? There is nothing before the House.

Mr. GEORGE. Well, I simply ask recognition from a fair leader in order for me to relay to the membership.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman seeks unanimous consent to address the House?

Mr. GEORGE. I do, sir.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. GEORGE. If you will give me a little order, Mr. Speaker, I would most appreciate that also.

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not rise to take issue with the previous speaker. I can understand his frustration. Now, what the gentleman may have forgotten in his mind and heart is that many of us almost daily have frustrations. I would say that my only distinction, Mr. Speaker, is that I have been here 14 terms, and so right, wrong, or indifferently, somebody back home must like me. But I only hope that those that want to blame individuals over the fact that they cannot get legislation, I would only say to my fine colleague that at one time was on my committee and a very responsive and fine individual, maybe it is about time that I say, when you get in the minority, you will better understand in that we do not get bills out of committee; we are frustrated.

I can assure you, if you are willing to listen, I respect every member of this House of Representatives. There is not a member of this House of Representatives that I would not feel bad for if some personal tragedy took them. I can say within my heart that I do not know much about the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, with the exception that my family was a Democrat, and I think what I do best represents Democrats and Republicans. I apologize that the only conveyance that I really have is what the Speaker and the rules of the House give me.

Now, if we are going to be in the minority and some of the members on my side sit quietly by and do not choose to defend a position, it may be in the best interest when whoever is in the minority ought to stay home. But I do not think that is the way that this House was fashioned. I think we were fashioned to debate and to argue. We were fashioned to come here and leave everything behind. The fact that an individual is a friend or somebody you respect, you leave that behind momentarily, but when it is over, you remember if you were drowning that the hand that reached to help you, you would not care whether it was of any specific creed or color or party; you would grab that hand.

And I come here constantly every day, and I look at my record of attendance, and I can assure you that there is not one time that I have ever attempted to do what I thought was the right thing and I did it because I do not like the Republican Party; that is not true. I get as many Republican supporters back home as I do Democrats. I am only saying that John Perzel, whom I give a lot of credit to, and I would hope that he is not feeling I am patronizing him, but I heard him say on swearing-in day and it caught me right here when he said, remember, I am the majority leader, but I have a phone number, and even though I will not say that number now, you know

where it is; I am receptive to working with both sides. I say to the gentleman, nothing will change my opinion. I think he is a bright, effective individual. But I am only saying, listen to me; I represent Republicans, too, and when I put an amendment in like yesterday and 102 Republicans voted on an amendment that simply said that in order to let people know that the CHIP program (Children's Health Insurance Program) exists, we will put it on the Web page at the Department of Health, and I see 97 votes are Democrats and 102 are Republicans, I simply say, thank you, Mr. Speaker; you have never let me down in regard to my thoughts about you being the gentleman above all.

Mr. Speaker, I will work with anyone that will work with me, and some of my priorities are simply the same as priorities that you have as members of the other side, and we have no other purpose unless we can get together and find out that there may be a bill we have that we think very strongly. Is a solid waste bill only my problem? Is it not yours? Is the dumping of material that kills individuals, is that only my problem? Is it not yours? As a matter of where we try to help individuals, why do we not keep that as legislative business and not take it personally. If the gentleman has a phone number, I am going to attempt to call that phone number next week and say, look, I represent the same people as you. I am told that the majority leader has probably more Democrats in his district than Republicans, so he must be very proud that they return him handily.

So I stand here and say, Mr. Speaker, you are a gentleman. I look at things that are about to take place, and I could take issue with them, because I have a good memory. I can remember when the Republicans were in the minority some of the things that were thrown at us: You do not take us into consideration; you do not discuss the budget; you do not do this and you do not do that.

All I can say in closing is, you learned well. You must have learned from us, because you do not take us into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**STATEMENT BY MR. REINARD**

The SPEAKER. Mr. Reinard, on unanimous consent.

Mr. REINARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had no intention on ever identifying who the two members were that did not want to remove their amendments in order for a bill that was introduced for 18 straight years. I am a 10-term member, to the previous speaker, who tried to get something through that is not partisan in any individual way.

However, I will, since the previous speaker did stand up to rise and identify himself, will note that that previous speaker was the person who put an amendment on it last term; it is why the Senate would not vote the legislation out when it did pass this body. And I did go to the gentleman this time, asking him once again to try to get it through clean so it would be done.

However, just for the record, that gentleman has introduced 97 amendments so far this term. All I wanted to do was get one bill passed.

Mr. Speaker, I still think it is a bad, bad light of this House, and I think that we can do a lot better. Thank you.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House additional guests. Here today as the guests of Representative Tangretti and the Westmoreland delegation is JoAnne Boyle, the president of Seton Hill College, and a group of students from that college. Would they please rise. They are seated in the rear of the hall.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, called to my attention that there is a group of Waynesburg College students – I hate to say celebrating; I do not know what word to use – Waynesburg College Student Lobbying Day, here with us today. Included with them are David Mariner, the chaperon; Jennifer Bushta of Jefferson; Amy Martin of West Greene; and Mark Strosnider. Would these guests please rise.

**FORMER MEMBER INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. The one person that I neglected to introduce earlier who was here with the gentleman, Mr. McMillen, was Paul Wass. He is a former member, long-term member, from Indiana County, and welcome back, Paul.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. GANNON called up **HR 100, PN 1147**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings on energy prices.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. **A0757**:

Amend Second Resolve Clause, page 2, line 12, by inserting after "Leader"  
, in consultation with the Minority Leader,

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—186**

Allen	Evans, J.	Manderino	Schuler
Argall	Fairchild	Mann	Shaner
Armstrong	Fichter	Markosek	Smith, B.
Baker, J.	Fleagle	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Baker, M.	Flick	Mayernik	Solobay
Bard	Forcier	McCall	Staback
Barley	Frankel	McGeehan	Stairs
Barrar	Freeman	McGill	Steelman
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Bebko-Jones	George	McIlhinney	Stern
Belardi	Godshall	McNaughton	Stetler
Belfanti	Gordner	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Benninghoff	Grucela	Michlovic	Stevenson, T.
Birmelin	Gruitza	Miller, R.	Strittmatter
Bishop	Habay	Miller, S.	Sturla
Blaum	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Boyes	Hanna	Myers	Tangretti

Browne	Harhai	Nailor	Taylor, E. Z.
Bunt	Harhart	Nickol	Taylor, J.
Buxton	Hasay	O'Brien	Thomas
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Cappelli	Herman	Pallone	Travaglio
Casorio	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
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Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pickett	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Pippy	Vitali
Colafella	Josephs	Pistella	Walko
Coleman	Kaiser	Preston	Wansacz
Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Washington
Costa	Kenney	Reinard	Waters
Coy	Kirkland	Rieger	Watson
Cruz	Krebs	Roberts	Williams, C.
Curry	LaGrotta	Robinson	Williams, J.
Dailey	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wilt
Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Wogan
Dally	Lederer	Rooney	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Wright
Dermody	Lescovitz	Rubley	Yewcic
DeWeese	Levdansky	Ruffing	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Lewis	Sainato	Yudichak
Diven	Lucyk	Samuelson	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Lynch	Santoni	Zug
Eachus	Mackereth	Sather	
Egolf	Maher	Saylor	Ryan,
Evans, D.	Major	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—7

Creighton	Gabig	Harper	Metcalf
Feese	Gannon	Maitland	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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 resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. The Chair takes note that the gentleman, Mr. George, has three amendments to offer to this particular resolution. Would the gentleman give us the number of his first amendment.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer amendment 779.

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

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0779:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by striking out "the Judiciary Committee" and inserting  
that a select committee be appointed

Amend First Resolve Clause, page 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "direct the Judiciary Committee" and inserting  
appoint a select committee

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

RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of nine members of the House of Representatives; five from the majority party, including the Chairperson of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and the Chairperson of the Consumer Affairs Committee and four from the minority party, including the Minority Chairperson of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and the Minority Chairperson of the Consumer Affairs Committee; and be it further

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. I would suppose, Mr. Speaker, this is one of the 97. But nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, I am not going to bring up yesterday. I am not going to talk about—

The SPEAKER. Mr. George, speak on the amendment.

Mr. GEORGE. I will.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Mr. GEORGE. Could you say something where the Democrats would applaud me?

The SPEAKER. He is not going to offer the amendments.

Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. Well, there is one thing I know, Mr. Speaker. If you ever choose to step down, there is a very good comic job ready for you someplace down around there.

The SPEAKER. You are recognized on your amendment.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is anything wrong with the Judiciary Committee looking into this problem. I think it is a problem that everyone recognizes. I do not think the problem is just singular. I think it involves wholesale, retail. It involves a matter of gas, a matter of coal. It involves a matter of the PJM (Pennsylvania-Jersey-Maryland electric grid) and how this electricity is generated and where it is generated. And I am speaking on the amendment, because all I am saying is, why do we not allow committees, standing committees of the House, that deal with these issues, such as the Consumer Committee that deals with consumerism, that deals with price gouging, that deals with limiters on electricity, that deals with these kinds of things, and why do we not allow the Environmental Committee that deals with coal issues and fossil problems, why do we not allow them to be a part of attempting to find a cure, find a reason, implant and apply their knowledge and experience. That is all I am asking.

I would suppose if we continue to do what took place yesterday, we will not win it, but, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not offer it. So I am asking, Mr. Speaker, that the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee that has worked on the issues of coal and the Consumer Affairs Committee that has worked on the issues of electric reliability be included in this resolution so that we can do the job that the people sent us to do. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, unless I am incorrect, amendment A779 sets up a select committee to study the same issue. I do not think the gentleman was correct in the explanation he just gave to the members. Are we on 779, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The board has us and the clerk has read 779.  
Mr. PERZEL. All right, Mr. Speaker. We will talk about 779.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. GEORGE. Because the gentleman, the majority leader, is absolutely accurate, and I recognize that, and I thank him for his attention, and I will withdraw that amendment and ask that I can offer 778.

The SPEAKER. Now, would the Democrat members please applaud the gentleman. I told you he would do it.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

Mr. GEORGE offered the following amendment No. A0778:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by striking out "Judiciary" and inserting

Environmental Resources and Energy

Amend First Resolve Clause, page 1, line 14, by striking out "Judiciary" and inserting

Environmental Resources and Energy

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment 778, the gentleman, Mr. George, is recognized.

Mr. GEORGE. Will the gentleman allow me to yield.

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Mr. George? Mr. George?

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I guess today is not the final day, and I wanted very badly the Consumer Affairs Committee to look into this matter, and now I realize that on that 779, the majority leader was accurate in that it sets up a special committee, and I wanted the Consumer Committee to look into this affair, and therefore, the amendment, in my opinion, is not relevant, and I would remove it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman, Mr. George, withdrawing both 778 and 779? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

You have no amendments. Is that correct? Mr. George, you have no amendments? Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order. Conferences on the floor, please break up. I note two members seeking recognition.

#### MOTION TO TABLE

The SPEAKER. Mr. Preston, you are recognized on the question.

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

Having read HR 100 in relationship to the Judiciary Committee to be able to have public hearings to find out about the energy crisis, I cannot figure out how that is really relative to what the Judiciary Committee should be busy about, and unless I hear something else, I would like to right now put a motion that we table HR 100.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Well, that motion is not debatable except by the two floor leaders.

On the question of tabling, Mr. DeWeese, do you have any comments?

Mr. Preston, on the question.

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, this resolution deals with something that affects each and every one of our constituents with the escalating costs of going on, with waiting with Congress and their inability to act effectively. Why we would spend the taxpayers' money to ask the Judiciary Committee when there are plenty other things that Judiciary should be busy about, when we have applicable committees within the House of Representatives, whether it is Consumer Affairs or Energy, Environmental and Energy, that are more relative to the prices of gas and oil and even to transportation, I do not think that the taxpayers of Pennsylvania should have to pay for a committee when the other committees are more applicable to be able to set up the staff and relative to the different tariffs that the resolutions are about.

If the Judiciary Committee wanted to go about dealing with things as far as crime, prisons, some of the other rehabilitative situations they should be about, I would support that, but why would someone introduce something and direct the Judiciary Committee, unless from what I notice the current chairman of the Judiciary Committee wants to be able to introduce it, I cannot find the relevancy, and that is basically, it is really about relevance. If we had been able to change this resolution, I would be able to be for it, but right now I do not see any sense of it, and it really does not make any sense for us to continue to do it, and I would ask the members, really, that we should table it so that we can have something that is really relevant to the people.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It was mentioned that it is not relevant to send this to the Judiciary Committee, so I would just like to point out just a couple of facts, Mr. Speaker. The Philadelphia Gas Works board hired a group called Cole, Warren & Long and paid them \$178,000 to conduct a nationwide search for talent to fill four senior posts at the Philadelphia Gas Works.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Please. Conferences on the floor, break up.

Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was just saying that the Philadelphia Gas Works paid \$178,000 to a head-hunting firm to find four top execs for the

Philadelphia Gas Works. They hired — that is not a bad idea — they hired a Mr. Hawes at \$285,000 a year, annual salary, plus a \$75,000 annual bonus; they hired a Mr. Martin at \$212,000 plus a \$45,000 annual bonus; and they hired Mr. Sharbutt at \$175,000 with a \$30,000 bonus.

Now, I will just pick Mr. Sharbutt because he is the most egregious of them all. On his resume he lied about receiving a degree from the University of Alabama; he lied about having an M.B.A. (master of business administration); he lied about having a certificate of management; he lied about being a certified financial management person, and because of his resume, he was hired by the Philadelphia Gas Works. He also had \$100,000 run up on 22 credit cards, Mr. Speaker. The one thing that the four people that they hired from this management company have in common is all four of them are currently under indictment, Mr. Speaker. So we thought that we ought to be having the Judiciary Committee, since these are criminal charges, take a look at this. But that is not all, Mr. Speaker.

I have not mentioned my mom for a couple years, but she just recently moved back into my legislative district, Mr. Speaker, so I thought I would bring her up again. As they moved the last of her furniture into the apartment, the guy that was moving the furniture in said, Mrs. Perzel, for 50 bucks I can set your meter so you do not have to pay. That is criminal. That is one of the reasons I wanted the Judiciary Committee to look at it.

But forgetting about my mom, I took the liberty — I know this is the wrong thing to do — but I took the liberty of calling the Gas Works and asking how many people just paid the hookup charge and not their full gas bill each month, and this is a rough number, Mr. Speaker: 67,980 people, Mr. Speaker. That is about 15 percent of all the gas company employees are using little or no gas whatsoever, and meanwhile, 412,910 people have to pay.

Now, last week I heard the minority leader allude to the 1 percent of Americans, and I do not think those 412,000 people are in that 1 percent, yet we are asking them all to pay for 67,000 people who are taking the liberty of taking whatever they want, Mr. Speaker, as far as gas goes, and I think that — no, I do not think that; I know the indictments are criminal and I know stealing gas is a criminal activity. So I thought the Judiciary Committee was best to look at this act of thievery if it is all there. Maybe it was only my mom and these other 67,000 people are in transition somewhere, but I thought it would be best to have the Judiciary Committee look at it so if there were criminal complaints, we could have those criminal indictments written up right away, get them right to the Attorney General or the district attorney, and have these people locked up immediately. That was why I wanted the Judiciary Committee to look at it, Mr. Speaker.

Now, I would like to mention that we heard what Representative George had to say; we looked at what he was saying. I asked my whip last week to take a look at this issue, and I said, we have already sent it once to the Senate. How many times do we send it to the Senate? And I thought the best way to do this is to take a look at this in the House of Representatives where we will not need the Senate's okay to do this. I am doing what Mr. George and what everyone here last week asked us to do. I am admitting we made a mistake, and now we have an opportunity to take a look at all of this, Mr. Speaker.

There are a couple more things I would like to bring up here since we are talking about this. In the Daily News, Mark McDonald on January 29 reported that the Philadelphia Gas Works has \$300 million in uncollected bills right now, Mr. Speaker. In April of 2000 they wrote off \$60 million of bad debt. Now, I took the liberty of calling over to the PUC (Public Utility Commission) to ask, did you try to sell this debt? They said, oh, no, we did not try to sell the debt 10 or 20 cents on the dollar; oh, no; we just let them write off \$60 million. And I think the Judiciary Committee ought to look and see if any of that \$60 million is the 1 percent that Mr. DeWeese was talking about last week. We do not want millionaires getting away for free and not paying for gas; none of us wants that, and if we find that under the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Gannon can get them indictments right away and take care of people that are cheating the people that are paying for gas that deserve to get the gas at the best possible price. That is one of the reasons I gave it to the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Oh, yes.

The SPEAKER. Save something to debate the resolution with. This is the motion to table.

Mr. PERZEL. I ask the members to defeat the motion.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, I guess after now that I know whose idea this really is, I would rather let us get this vote over with and then we can argue, since it is probably going to go down, and then we will be able to argue since I have heard his statements, and then line by line we can tell the truth. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are you withdrawing your motion to table?

Mr. PRESTON. No.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—28

Bebko-Jones	Dermody	Levdansky	Roberts
Bishop	DeWeese	McCall	Roebuck
Cohen, M.	Frankel	Melio	Rooney
Colafella	Grucela	Myers	Steelman
Costa	James	Pallone	Thomas
Curry	Josephs	Pistella	Veon
DeLuca	Kirkland	Preston	Washington

NAYS—165

Allen	Fichter	Major	Smith, B.
Argall	Fleagle	Manderino	Smith, S. H.
Armstrong	Flick	Mann	Solobay
Baker, J.	Forcier	Markosek	Staback
Baker, M.	Freeman	Marsico	Stairs
Bard	Gabig	Mayernik	Steil
Barley	Gannon	McGeehan	Stern
Barrar	Geist	McGill	Stetler
Bastian	George	McIlhattan	Stevenson, R.
Belardi	Godshall	McIlhinney	Stevenson, T.
Belfanti	Gordner	McNaughton	Strittmatter
Benninghoff	Gruitza	Metcalfe	Sturla
Birmelin	Habay	Michlovic	Surra
Blaum	Haluska	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Boyes	Hanna	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Browne	Harhai	Mundy	Taylor, J.

Bunt	Harhart	Nailor	Tigue
Buxton	Harper	Nickol	Travaglio
Caltagirone	Hasay	O'Brien	Trello
Cappelli	Hennessey	Oliver	Trich
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Tulli
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Vance
Clark	Hess	Petrone	Vitali
Clymer	Horsey	Phillips	Walko
Cohen, L. I.	Hutchinson	Pickett	Wansacz
Coleman	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Waters
Corrigan	Kaiser	Readshaw	Watson
Coy	Keller	Reinard	Williams, C.
Creighton	Kenney	Rieger	Williams, J.
Cruz	Krebs	Robinson	Wilt
Dailey	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Ross	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Rubley	Wright
DiGirolamo	Lederer	Ruffing	Yewcic
Diven	Leh	Sainato	Youngblood
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Samuelson	Yudichak
Eachus	Lewis	Santoni	Zimmerman
Egolf	Lucyk	Sather	Zug
Evans, D.	Lynch	Saylor	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Schroder	
Fairchild	Maher	Schuler	Ryan,
Feese	Maitland	Shaner	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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,  
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Bunt, advises the Chair that his switch is not recording the votes. How would you want to be— Negative. All right. The clerk will keep an eye on Mr. Bunt's vote and make sure we record it.

On the question of the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Preston.

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

It is apparent that the majority leader has a problem in his home area, not in the home district but in Philadelphia, and I can truly respect that, but to ask all of the taxpayers, all of the taxpayers of Pennsylvania to be able to handle what we call ineptitudes as far as management, where he has been a lot of years and watched this go on, and it has been in the newspaper for us to have to pay for it, I do not think it is right for the Judiciary Committee to be able to handle that.

Now, I have heard about the hiring and the inappropriateness, and I will agree with that, but let me get to the heart of the resolution since the gentleman has exposed to us now that this was his idea and not the Judiciary chairman. This resolution directs the Judiciary Committee to hold a public hearing on energy prices. "...The citizens of this Commonwealth are dependent upon energy sources for comfortable and productive lives,..." and I agree with that, all

over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not his own personal bashing of ineptitude that happens, unfortunately, to be going on in Philadelphia where he has been there for over 20 years. "...The causes of these dramatic energy price fluctuations are not readily apparent to the citizens of this Commonwealth,..." and we want that. We want the Judiciary Committee, if that was going to be the case, to look at the energy prices, because we are all getting our phone calls.

But let me ask you a question. Are you saying that if you want to be able to learn how to write a book, that I would be able to go and ask someone who has never written a book before? You want someone who is going to be really relevant, and I would think that the intelligence of the majority leader would have a committee applicable. He is the leader. He sets the tone. And I am trying to find out why he would have the idea when we are supposed to be looking at the energy prices, and basically, it almost appears, maybe it is self-serving, and I have no problem with the Attorney General, the Auditor General, or anybody else, but to ask the Judiciary Committee when we are interested in energy prices.

Then he says, "RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings to study the availability, supply and price of energy provided from any source" — the caveat — "including Philadelphia Gas Works and the Philadelphia Gas Commission..." Well, if Philadelphia Gas Works and the Gas Commission are in Pennsylvania, why just them? Are there not other problems potentially within this State, or is it that it is so self-serving of reading in the newspapers, and again, this has been going on for years in Philadelphia — for years in Philadelphia — and the gentleman has a right to be able to complain, but he is the leadership about it, and I am concerned about my constituents in southwestern Pennsylvania just as well, but all I hear him talking about is in Philadelphia. I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, about in your territory; I am concerned about everybody in Pennsylvania, but all he is concerned about is having the taxpayers, the taxpayers pay for this committee to be able to have and offer subpoena power just for Philadelphia. How long is this going to go on? There is more to the world and to Pennsylvania than just Philadelphia. It is about time that we recognize more than that. If he is going to be the leader, be the leader of everyone, and if this is your idea, Mr. Speaker, that is too bad.

We are asking for us to spend on this, and, Mr. Speaker, if I could, could I ask the gentleman a couple of questions?

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, consent to interrogation?

Mr. PRESTON. Do we have a guesstimated cost?

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, can you tell me what the fiscal note on this resolution would be?

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, we have existing staff, and as the resolution says, we are going to hold public hearings to study the availability, supply, and price of energy provided from any source, including the Philadelphia Gas Works. That means the whole State. So I do not know exactly what it will cost yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PRESTON. Well, all I can go by, Mr. Speaker, was your first comments. You did not mention anything else but about four staff people that were hired in Philadelphia that we have all

spent in the last 2 years reading about in the newspaper and no one else was mentioned, and I would really appreciate, if that is going to be, why are we asking the Judiciary to investigate or to have these hearings on the gas cost rate? I mean, what do they know? Do they understand what the fossil fuel act is and all these other different things that they should be reporting on and what Congress is doing? If I am right, we even passed a resolution directing Congress about this particular issue.

I am just really trying to figure out why just the Judiciary to do this and they are going to go all over the State. There has got to be some cost and not just available staff.

Mr. PERZEL. A couple of your questions could have been answered by you reading the resolution, but it is about 1,500 bucks, \$1,500 for each committee hearing that we hold, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PRESTON. So you are saying with per diems, whether just in per diems alone it is going to be less than \$1,500?

Mr. PERZEL. That is inclusive of everything is what my staff is telling me, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PRESTON. Well, Mr. Speaker, if your staff is really telling you that, then that makes me even more nervous. If you are going to have 15 members of the Judiciary and let us say even 5—

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. PRESTON. —of them come from out of the State—

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Is the gentleman in order or am I allowed to insult him back or are you just going to let him keep going?

The SPEAKER. You can discontinue interrogation at your—

Mr. PERZEL. Okay. I would like to discontinue interrogation.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you. I expected that.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you.

You know, this is about common sense and doing what is right, not about self-serving, as so many of us sometimes do, within the respective district to see if we can try to get it.

If he has a problem going on, then I agree with it. It should be handled in the appropriate manner, and I would have no problem at all directing the Judiciary Committee to go in and investigate the Philadelphia Gas Works. I have absolutely no problem with that. I would support it and I will cosponsor the resolution. But to have the Judiciary Committee go out and go to whether it is Erie, southwestern Pennsylvania, and everything else, and if we are going to sit up here and believe that we can have a hearing for \$1,500, from court reporting to per diems to cost to whatever else is involved with the place, I have very serious questions. And I do not think that— I have just raised a question about if someone would give that figure about basic, basic deductive reasoning of how you can do that for \$1,500. I am hoping to be able to see that in writing, Mr. Speaker, and if I could have your office, since the comment was made to be put in the record, it would be kind to be able to see the cost of the hearing once they have it, because I would like to be able to add that cost to the public record relative to what the majority leader has said.

I, in no way, am not trying to disrespect the majority leader. I am just trying to defend the rest of the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so that they get a fair shake. If there is something wrong and rotten going on, we should investigate it; we should let everybody know about it, but we should not just stop when we have appropriate committees, and my senior citizens in my legislative district are calling my office and complaining about the high cost, high rates of gas, and I am still trying to figure out how the Judiciary Committee is going to be able to help me on that, and he still has not been able to provide me with that if we are talking about the Judiciary Committee. That is all; nothing more.

I am not going to really support this resolution because of that. If it was just about the Judiciary Committee going and investigating Philadelphia Gas Works, that is fine; I would be able to support it. I am just only speaking for myself. I cannot speak for the rest of the members, but at least we know whose idea this really was.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. McCall.

I am sorry. Mr. Rooney was ahead of Mr. McCall.

Mr. Rooney.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the leader, the majority leader, to stand for a brief interrogation.

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

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, you suggested that if there is any wrongdoing discovered as a result of the Judiciary Committee's investigation, then the chairman of that committee would be in a position to issue indictments. I did not realize that the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee had the authority and the power to issue indictments. Could you explain to me how that would work?

Mr. PERZEL. I said they would be drawn up, Mr. Speaker, and given to the proper authorities.

Mr. ROONEY. Then I would suppose, Mr. Speaker, my next question would be, why would we not forgo the expense and get right to the heart of the wrongdoing? No Democrat and no Republican would want to stand for or be in the way of an investigation that would uncover wrongdoing and gross expenditures. So why would we not just forgo the committee and send it right to the appropriate authority who can investigate such matters?

Mr. PERZEL. We want to get to the bottom of it and find what else is going on, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ROONEY. Again, with all due respect to the leader, I have an unanswered question, which is, the person that has the authority to conduct such investigations, in my view, perhaps would be the Attorney General. What is the point in having the Judiciary Committee look into this matter when in fact the most appropriate repository for this kind of request would be with the State's Attorney General?

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, the Attorney General could look into it, but we do write the laws, and I feel it is appropriate to ask one of our standing committees, particularly the Judiciary Committee, to take a look at this in a public process and a public forum, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, am I then correct to assume that the assertion that you made that the chairman of the

Judiciary Committee, upon the finding of wrongdoing that he may uncover somewhere down the line, does not in fact have the authority, the power, to issue indictments, and if I am correct in that assertion, can you tell the members who possesses that authority?

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, the committee makes recommendations. I said that twice now. I just said it again.

Mr. ROONEY. Okay. Thank you. I have concluded my interrogation.

On the matter, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Rooney.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, no member in this chamber would condone any kind of wrongdoing. The question that is before us is, shall we have the Judiciary Committee, who does not, I think we have determined, does not have the power or authority to issue indictments, should the Judiciary Committee, who does not study matters involving energy, be the appropriate repository or the appropriate committee to launch such an investigation?

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to my colleague, the gentleman, Mr. McCall, the Democratic chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee.

The SPEAKER. Mr. McCall.

It is not necessary to yield to him. He was on the list.

Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that many members have enumerated many concerns regarding this resolution. I would submit to the majority leader that the House Consumer Affairs Committee does in fact have the members with the expertise on energy-related issues and issues related to the Philadelphia Gas Works. We are the members of the committee who— The members of the Consumer Affairs Committee asked to be on that committee because they are learned on energy issues and issues related to Title 66.

### MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. McCALL. I would further submit that this resolution does not belong in the House Judiciary Committee but in fact it belongs in the House Consumer Affairs Committee, and I would ask that this resolution be rereferred to that committee so we can clean up the language in that resolution and amend it to have the hearings conducted by the members of the House Consumer Affairs Committee.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman making a motion now to recommit this resolution to the Consumer Affairs Committee?

Mr. McCALL. Yes.

The SPEAKER. That is the sense of your—

Mr. McCALL. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. All right.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking again, to reiterate, that it be rereferred to the committee for the purpose of cleaning up the language and having the Consumer Affairs Committee actually

do the review of what is enumerated in the resolution. I am not speaking for the majority chair. We would move to have this resolution immediately amended and referred back to the House floor for a vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. I would oppose the motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, those in—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. In support of the motion, I note the unambiguous clarity of the first sentence of the resolution. The gentleman, Mr. McCall, by moving to recommit, is in alignment with the history and standards of our Assembly — HR 100, "Directing the Judiciary Committee to hold public hearings on energy prices." This is not contextually complicated.

We have a Consumer Affairs Committee in the General Assembly's House. Consumer Affairs, since time immemorial, has put its laser-like focus on energy prices. Why the honorable majority leader would try to interlard energy prices into the Judiciary Committee is inexplicable. There is no foundation in logic or tradition to this legislative legerdemain. He is, in his own style, historically substantiated by a wild and weird series of maneuvers relative to which bills go to which committees over the past half dozen years, allowing for yet one more chapter in political bushwhacking of one of our standing committees.

The motion to recommit to the Consumer Affairs Committee is an unyieldingly positive and traditional and commonsense approach to learning more about fluctuating energy prices in the Greater Philadelphia area.

The gentleman, Mr. McCall's motion should be accepted unanimously, and I would call for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Trello.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, would it be appropriate to interrogate the chairman of the Judiciary Committee at this time?

The SPEAKER. If he will consent to it, it is appropriate, on the question, which is the motion to recommit.

Mr. TRELLO. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is standing ready.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, just one question. Mr. Speaker, would it be under your authority to allow the Consumer Affairs Committee, without redrafting this thing, to take part in this investigation? Would that cause any problems? Could you do that under your discretion as chairman of the committee?

Mr. GANNON. I doubt that, Mr. Speaker, because the resolution is very specific to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. TRELLO. In other words, you could not use your own discretion and invite them to participate?

Mr. GANNON. Staff of all our committees generally work together, but in terms of whether or not I would have the authority under this resolution and whether it would be even needed, my guess would be that this is very specific, or my reading is, very specific to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. TRELLO. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Trello, if I may add to that, there is nothing to prevent any member of this House from attending any meetings of a standing committee such as Judiciary. Mr. Gannon, I think, was referring to whether you could attend

and then vote on anything before the committee. You certainly could attend. It would be public.

Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. If I may, by way of further answer, Mr. Speaker, only the members of the Judiciary Committee — if other members would wish to attend these hearings — only members of the committee can administer oath and take testimony.

The SPEAKER. Mr. LaGrotta.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, would the majority leader stand for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Perzel, do you care to be interrogated? You may begin.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman, the majority leader, said that if the Judiciary Committee were to find things that were, quote, unquote, "indictable," that they could make immediate recommendations to the proper authority. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker? Is that correct?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if the Consumer Affairs Committee were able to find these indictable offenses or irregularities or illegalities, would it, Mr. Speaker, be able to make those same recommendations to the Attorney General or whatever standing legal authority exists? Is there anything that would prevent the Consumer Affairs Committee from doing that?

Mr. PERZEL. Yes.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask what that would be?

Mr. PERZEL. Oh, I am sorry. No. I am sorry; the answer is no.

Mr. LaGROTTA. So the answer is that the Consumer Affairs Committee could make those same recommendations.

Mr. PERZEL. Yes, yes.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That concludes my interrogation, if I may be recognized for a few brief remarks.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Mr. Speaker, I have served on the Consumer Affairs Committee for, I believe, five of my eight terms here in the General Assembly. During that time we worked on some of the most complicated legislation affecting public utilities not only in this Commonwealth but in the country. As a matter of fact, we crafted telecommunications legislation under the chairmanship of the gentleman, Mr. Wogan. We were able to introduce and pass probably the model for electric deregulation in the United States of America, legislation that the State of California and other States are envious of because of the problems they are having and because of the problems, Mr. Speaker, that we are not having. I do not believe this was by luck, Mr. Speaker. I believe this was because we have one of the finest groups of members in this House and, Mr. Speaker, because we have a staff, both on the majority and the minority side, that understands and is familiar with all aspects of public utilities and the laws that govern them in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the majority leader has agreed that any information the Consumer Affairs Committee would find could be referred to the Attorney General or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Police or whatever, in

light of the fact that we have a staff that is much more familiar with utilities and their laws and regulations, and in light of the fact that we are willing to take on this task, I would strongly encourage every member of this House but specifically every member of the House Consumer Affairs Committee to vote in favor of the motion to recommit this resolution to Consumer Affairs so that it could be redrafted and the investigation done by the House Consumer Affairs Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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#### YEAS—80

Bebko-Jones	Freeman	Michlovic	Stetler
Belardi	George	Mundy	Sturla
Belfanti	Gordner	Myers	Surra
Blaum	Grucela	Oliver	Tangretti
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Dermody	Lucyk	Santonio	Williams, C.
DeWeese	Manderino	Shaner	Williams, J.
Eachus	Mann	Solobay	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	McCall	Staback	Yewcic
Frankel	Melio	Steelman	Yudichak

#### NAYS—112

Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Ross
Argall	Fairchild	Lynch	Rubley
Armstrong	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baker, J.	Fichter	Maher	Saylor
Baker, M.	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
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Dailey	Keller	Pickett	Zimmerman
Dally	Kenney	Pippy	Zug
DiGirolamo	Krebs	Reinard	
Diven	Lawless	Rieger	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rohrer	Ryan,
Egolf	Leh		Speaker

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Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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

The SPEAKER. Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the maker or the sponsor of the resolution rise for a brief interrogation?

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, in the resolution it says that you will be given the powers normally afforded that would go on in court proceedings — you have the right to subpoena, and if somebody fails to do so, they can withstand the pressures that the courts would normally apply on somebody who fails to comply with a subpoena. Do you also, under this resolution, are you given the right to grant immunity to somebody who testifies so that they just cannot plead the fifth?

Mr. GANNON. At this point I would not know the answer to that question. I think anything like that would have to be decided on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the leaders whether or not the committee would be in a position to do that. My answer off the top of my head, my gut reaction would be no.

Mr. STURLA. So that anybody who got a subpoena could simply come in and take the fifth. Is that correct?

Mr. GANNON. Well, that is a right that they have under the Federal and State Constitution. Whether or not they would want to exercise that right would be up to the individual.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. But if they did, essentially we are dead in the water — right? — because you do not have the right to grant immunity to allow some people to testify and others not to.

Mr. GANNON. Well, you cannot draw any inference from whether— When somebody exercises a constitutional right, you cannot draw any inference from that.

Mr. STURLA. Well, I understand, but you do not have the ability to hold the carrot or the incentive of immunity out there. Is that correct? Is that what you are saying?

Mr. GANNON. Well, I do not know if that is even relevant. I mean, when somebody, as I stated before, if somebody exercises a constitutional right, you cannot draw any inference from that. That is a right that they have to exercise and that is something they are granted under both the Federal and State Constitution. So there would not be any inference drawn from that at all.

Mr. STURLA. I understand that, Mr. Speaker. But, Mr. Speaker, if somebody perhaps has some information and they come to you and say, you know, I have some information that I could share with the committee but it might incriminate me; will you grant me immunity so that I can share that with the committee, are you saying you do not have the ability to grant immunity?

Mr. GANNON. Mr. Speaker, this is a legislative inquiry based upon the discussion that was conducted in this chamber last week as well as the discussion that is taking place this week. It is not a criminal investigation by a grand jury, which is a whole other matter.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, I guess the concern I have is that the majority leader put this out there as that you would be able to hold these things so that you could actually draw up indictments to then pass on to the other authorities, and I guess what you are telling me is that we really do not have the ability to investigate like perhaps the Attorney General might be able to investigate and so we will do this sort of half-hearted investigation, and then if we cannot find something, then we will turn it over to the Attorney General to do the investigation properly.

Mr. GANNON. Well, let me be a little more elaborate in the answer. Neither the Federal Congress or the legislature, the Pennsylvania legislature, can grant anyone immunity. There is nothing in statute or the Constitution that gives us that authority. However, depending upon the circumstances on a case-by-case basis, and I am not suggesting anything at this time and it would be mere speculation, but we would have to consider whether we would consult with appropriate law enforcement who does have and who would have the authority to grant immunity if that was the case.

Mr. STURLA. I guess the question then is, why do we not just allow those appropriate authorities to do the investigation in the first place that have those abilities?

Mr. GANNON. Well, there are a couple of reasons. Number one is, our inquiry is a public inquiry; our hearings are in the public. Criminal investigations, and in particular, grand jury investigations, are held in private and in secret. We are not conducting an inquiry in secret. This is a public inquiry into the issues that were raised last week on this floor in addition to other information that became available in the course of the week, and I am specifically referencing the situation in Philadelphia where 65-plus thousand people are connected but not paying for their gas. Price gouging is going on somewhere in Philadelphia, and that was the issue that was raised last week, and we would look at that across the State as well as the situation in the city of Philadelphia with Gas Works. If we had information that would probably come to light if somebody suggested some type of immunity would be granted, we would have to go to the appropriate law enforcement and see whether or not they would be willing, under the circumstances— As I said before, what I am telling you now is pure speculation. It would be on a case-by-case basis whether or not immunity would be granted if that person waives their constitutional right and proceeds to reveal information that may in fact be incriminating to themselves.

Mr. STURLA. Okay.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps you can refresh my memory on this. I know that there are some things that we say here on the floor that are protected as members. Are there any of the proceedings in these hearings that would be protected if a member said something that might be— Could that be used against them later on?

Mr. GANNON. The rules of the House apply to hearings.

Mr. STURLA. And does that apply just to the members or to those people testifying at those hearings also?

Mr. GANNON. Only members are protected under the specific provisions of the Constitution and law that protect members with respect to deliberations, debate, and dialogue in committee activities.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could make a comment, please?

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the resolution that we had before us last week or the amendment that we had before us last week made a lot more sense in terms of investigating price gouging and looking at the cost of high energy in the State of Pennsylvania and that the best place for this investigation to go on would be with the Attorney General's Office, who has the ability to grant the immunity to do those kinds of investigations, to investigate in secret, to get people to testify under oath in a grand jury, not out in the public, where you actually have the ability to get people to testify instead of at a hearing where people can just willy-nilly say, sorry, I do not want to talk today.

It seems to me that we are going to spend a lot of time and effort doing a job in less than a half-hearted way, and I think we can do a better job of this, and I guess I would support doing a better job than what is proposed in this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I clarified earlier, this resolution does cover the entire State.

It was mentioned that last week they had an amendment that could have done the Attorney General, and that is nice, and the amendment has been drawn up several times, but it is not, as we found out, going anywhere. This resolution today we can resolve and take a look at what has been, really, a coverup, in my mind, for some of the things that have been going on around this Commonwealth.

I cannot talk about the whole State's experiences; that is why I have used PGW as an example, Mr. Speaker, but I do have a couple more observations. The Philadelphia Gas Works is now roughly \$1 billion in debt, Mr. Speaker, and at Christmastime the 50 top executives who earn \$75,000 or more, 19 percent of them were given bonuses, Mr. Speaker, at a time when they said they were not going to be able to make payroll to pay their employees.

And the latest new trick that they are doing at the Philadelphia Gas Works is that my mom, who owns a duplex, and somebody upstairs owes \$3,000 in gas, they are saying to my mom that that person does not have to pay that gas; we will just put a lien on your property and we will collect that money from you, Mr. Speaker, although they were the people that were beneficiaries of being able to use that gas. And she would not be allowed to shut them off from that gas; she would have to pay in perpetuity.

Now, all I know, Mr. Speaker, is, if you want to pay for a car and you cannot use it, you would not be paying for that car very long. That is all I know, Mr. Speaker.

As Republicans, if you are trying to get over on someone, we are not with you, but if you want to play the game and live by the rules, then we are with you, and we expect this committee to come back with recommendations about the problems that all of us know exist.

I would urge a "yes" vote on the resolution, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, do you seek recognition on this?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge a "yes" vote on HR 100.

I know that there has been a lot of discussion; there has even been some discussion about whether or not this should be Philadelphia-based or whether the primary focus is Philadelphia, but in case people do not know, to the best of my knowledge, Philadelphia County's PGW is the only municipally owned utility company in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I do not know of another county where the county owns the utility company, and so to that end it is very easy to draft something and have it apply everywhere but Philadelphia because of this special circumstance.

So I am glad that Philadelphia is included in this statewide effort to get a handle on these utility prices, because God knows I get calls at my office daily; I get people coming to my office daily that are concerned about the disparity in rate-making and about the increases in rates.

So I hope and trust and I am glad that the Judiciary Committee is broad enough, both on the Democratic and Republican sides, to allow, because a committee to a large degree reflects the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are people from all sections of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that sit on the Judiciary Committee. I would have preferred for it to go to Environmental Resources, but the Judiciary Committee is broad enough in its composition to look at this situation throughout the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So I urge a "yes" vote, and I also urge the committee to come back as soon as possible with some definitive recommendations as to how we can get a handle on this dark state of affairs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as it relates to utilities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know how I am going to vote, and I am not going to tell the members in the chamber.

I think the majority leader and Representative Thomas almost hit the nail. They have not made the nexus here between the Philadelphia gas company and us as legislators.

The Philadelphia gas company, Mr. Speaker, is in debt and it is municipally owned. It is owned by the city of Philadelphia. It is in debt for \$1 billion as we sit here. If they are allowed to default on that \$1 billion, guess who it defaults to? Guess where it comes to? It comes to this chamber, Mr. Speaker. We need to do something and we need to do something right away.

Just this season they have had four rate increases as authorized by the PUC over the winter here; within a 2-month period, four rate increases. Now, how is the consumer going to keep up with that, and I need to know why, because they do not answer to anybody, Mr. Speaker, but themselves. And I am telling you that if we do not do what is necessary on this resolution, that \$1 billion that PGW is in debt for, Mr. Speaker, we will not be able to escape. It will bounce right into this chamber, and then we will have to decide what to do with \$1 billion in utility debt.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Colafella.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, last week when we voted "no" not to have the Attorney General look at gas prices and problems with gas prices, that was probably one of the most astonishing votes that I think I have ever seen in all my 20 years here. And today, I think what we are seeing today is the ability for one person to not care about the rules anymore around here, and I think it is very, very sad. I mean, it is obvious to everybody here that this resolution ought to be in the Consumer Affairs Committee if we are going to investigate energy. I mean, there is no doubt about it.

You know, we Democrats argue with our leaders, and you know what? Thank God that we do. Thank God we do not listen to everything they tell us to do, because quite frankly, I would be ashamed of ourselves. If you people here vote today to have this resolution go through the Judiciary Committee, we made a shambles and a joke of our process; it is a joke.

You know, Governor Ridge talked about the brain drain. I want to tell you something. The longer I am here, beginning last week the brain drain is beginning to occur right here in this chamber, and I am telling you, it is sad. I mean, we are dealing with people now who are not using their brains anymore. They are just letting one person decide that we are going to do this and that is it and forget the rules and forget everything else. It is wrong; it is wrong. If you are going to accuse a company of doing all kinds of criminal things, let us take it to the Attorney General. Let us not start up a Judiciary Committee who should not be involved in this. It is shameful; it is wrong, and for all those reasons you should vote "no" on this resolution.

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On final passage of HR 100. When the Republican Party in the House decided that education reform was important, they sent it to the Appropriations Committee, not to the Education Committee, and it was ejected from that committee in short order and we voted on it in a vertiginous fashion that we are used to in this chamber.

Apropos of what the gentleman said from Beaver County just now and what I said earlier but it bears repeating, the committee system under this Republican leadership in the House has been sullied and sundered beyond recognition, and this is just one more manifestation of that comparatively cavalier approach. If the problems are as lengthy and profound and convoluted as the honorable majority leader expressed 45 minutes ago, then it seems to me that D. Michael Fisher, our Attorney General, should be beckoned and he should go eastward to Philadelphia and attack the problem.

One more time — and I can count the votes — but to have energy prices debated by the Judiciary Committee is utterly without logic, and it parallels a pattern that has been evinced from that pulpit again and again and again over the last several years, and it should not go without note. Mr. McCall's motion to recommit should have been adopted. Every Democrat should have voted for that, but when they did not, the die was cast.

It is not all that long since the ides of March, and I recognize realpolitik, but notwithstanding that, I would encourage my members to be aware of the fact that as this vote sails to victory, we are experiencing once again the depredations of our House internal system. The committee system is besmirched and in

need of revivification, and today's example is a crystal-clear manifestation of that travail.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, it has already been proven in the example of the Gas Works that crimes have been committed and people have been indicted. If it is price gouging that is out there, Mr. Speaker, that is also a crime. I think it makes perfect sense to have it in the Judiciary Committee, and I would ask the members for a "yes" vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—178

Allen	Evans, J.	Mackereth	Santoni
Argall	Fairchild	Maher	Sather
Armstrong	Feese	Maitland	Saylor
Baker, J.	Fichter	Major	Schroder
Baker, M.	Fleagle	Manderino	Schuler
Bard	Flick	Mann	Smith, B.
Barley	Forcier	Markosek	Smith, S. H.
Barrar	Frankel	Marsico	Solobay
Bastian	Freeman	Mayernik	Staback
Bebko-Jones	Gabig	McGeehan	Steelman
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Steil
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Stern
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Stetler
Birmelin	Godshall	McNaughton	Stevenson, R.
Bishop	Gordner	Melio	Stevenson, T.
Blaum	Grucela	Metcalfe	Strittmatter
Boyes	Gruitza	Michlovic	Sturla
Browne	Habay	Miller, R.	Surra
Bunt	Hanna	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Buxton	Harhai	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Harhart	Myers	Taylor, J.
Cappelli	Harper	Nailor	Thomas
Casorio	Hasay	Nickol	Tigue
Cawley	Hennessey	O'Brien	Trello
Clark	Herman	Oliver	Trich
Clymer	Hershey	Pallone	Tulli
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Perzel	Vance
Cohen, M.	Horsey	Petrarca	Vitali
Coleman	Hutchinson	Petrone	Walko
Corrigan	Jadlowiec	Phillips	Wansacz
Costa	Josephs	Pickett	Waters
Coy	Kaiser	Pippy	Watson
Creighton	Keller	Pistella	Williams, C.
Cruz	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
Dailey	Krebs	Reinard	Wogan
Daley	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Dally	Laughlin	Roberts	Wright
DeLuca	Lawless	Robinson	Yewcic
Dermody	Lederer	Roebuck	Youngblood
DiGirolo	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Diven	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Levdansky	Rubleby	Zug
Eachus	Lewis	Ruffing	
Egolf	Lucyk	Sainato	Ryan,
Evans, D.	Lynch	Samuelson	Speaker

NAYS—13

Colafella	James	Preston	Travaglio
Curry	Kirkland	Rooney	Veon
DeWeese	McCall	Shaner	Williams, J.
Haluska			

## NOT VOTING—2

Stairs Washington

## EXCUSED—10

Adolph	Civera	Orie	Scrimenti
Butkovitz	Cornell	Raymond	Semmel
Cappabianca	Micozzie		

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

The SPEAKER. For the benefit of the members, there will be no more votes today. There are no roll-call votes tomorrow. It is a nonvoting token session day.

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

**HB 66, PN 51** By Rep. GANNON

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

JUDICIARY.

**HB 127, PN 111** By Rep. BOYES

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.

FINANCE.

**HB 344, PN 361** By Rep. GANNON

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

JUDICIARY.

**HB 367, PN 384** By Rep. BOYES

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 exemptions from the retail sales tax.

FINANCE.

**HB 428, PN 465** By Rep. GANNON

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

JUDICIARY.

**HB 583, PN 1254 (Amended)**

By Rep. BOYES

An Act authorizing the transfer of Homeowners' Century Rebate Program funds to county treasurers; and providing for a county grant program.

FINANCE.

**HB 728, PN 812**

By Rep. WOGAN

An Act providing for bed and breakfast establishment safety regulations.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

**HB 993, PN 1255 (Amended)**

By Rep. BOYES

An Act authorizing a tobacco access control tax credit; and imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Revenue.

FINANCE.

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

**VOTE CORRECTIONS**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?  
Mr. READSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to correct the record.  
The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. READSHAW. On HR 100, the motion to recommit the resolution to the Consumer Affairs Committee, I wish to be recorded in the affirmative.

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

Ms. Washington.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On HR 100 I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

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

**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.

Any further corrections, announcements? Does the majority leader have any further business? Does the minority leader have any further business?

**STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER**

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

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My comments at the end of this week's session have to do with, specifically, Representative Vitali's introduction earlier today of some Pennsylvania campaign finance reform proposals. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is anxious that our gubernatorial campaigns be publicly financed, and at the end of the session, now that business has been concluded, I think it is a

very appropriate time for me to laud the gentleman and encourage our Assembly and indeed encourage all people within our process, voters and politicians alike, to be aware of how keen and crucial this legislative dream really is.

Mr. Vitali's introduction today parallels an event in Washington, D.C., where in the Federal Capitol, John McCain, a United States Senator, and Russell Feingold, a Democrat, Republican and Democrat alike, are making history this afternoon in Washington debating campaign finance reform, and the reprobation and censure of modern society should lay heavy upon all of us collectively but especially in this town upon Governor Ridge and this chamber upon the men — the men — who dominate the Republican side of the aisle.

Campaign finance reform is only a distant dream, and as John Baer of the Philadelphia Daily News observed, we have about as much chance of realizing campaign reform in the financial world as we do seeing a unicorn.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vitali's proposal would make certain that we never again have in Pennsylvania such a lopsided gubernatorial election. When Tom Ridge ran last time, he had \$14 million in the bank. His Democratic opponent had \$400,000, about 30 to 1. We have a chance, and we are being impelled by a man like John McCain, and as the Democratic floor leader in Harrisburg, I doff my hat to Republican United States Senator John McCain.

We have some new, young people on the Republican side of the aisle dominating the backbenches. We have some new folks around this town in this new session of the Assembly. Melissa Hart, a former colleague of ours in the Assembly and now a member of the Federal Congress, was a beneficiary of Mr. McCain's campaign help. Things are changing, but they need to change right here, too.

Why do we need a start? It is obvious.

In New Jersey, Mr. Speaker, during the last gubernatorial cycle or one removed, a man named McGreevey, a State Senator with no financial wherewithal in his campaign fund, took on Governor Christine Todd Whitman. But because the Garden State had campaign finance reform and they had publicly financed gubernatorial elections, well-known Governor Christine Todd Whitman is in the race of her life, and she prevails by 1 percentage point. There is no doubt that their campaign finance reform in New Jersey was the differential.

We are never going to have a campaign that is fair if someone has \$14 million and someone else has \$400,000, and we are never going to change the system unless the Republican titans from Indiana and Jefferson Counties, from Philadelphia County, decide to be helpful to the honorable gentleman, Mr. Vitali.

I want the members of the House to know and I am sure the Speaker recollects, when Dick Thornburgh ran for Governor, he spent \$3 million; when Bob Casey ran for Governor, he spent \$8 million; and when Tom Ridge prevailed, he spent \$14 million. So from 3 to 8 to 14, and now, now we are hearing that in our own Democratic primary — I can be evenhanded in this observation — that it is possible that Mr. Casey and Mr. Rendell might spend \$10 million in a primary.

We need your help. We need your help, and all I am asking you to do, my honorable Republican colleagues, is take a look at what is going on in Washington, D.C. Take a look at the covenant that McCain is trying to craft. The aggressive and condescending and occasionally contumacious behavior of

men and women who oppose campaign finance reform should not be tolerated. We have a wide chasm among rich people and poor people not only in Pennsylvania per se but in the political strife that we experience each 2 years. There is as much difference between a \$14-million gubernatorial campaign and a \$400,000 campaign as there was between Rome and Carthage 2,000 years ago, and there was a lot of difference between Rome and Carthage 2,000 years ago.

Senator Specter, for myriad reasons, has come out in favor of McCain-Feingold, Republican from Pennsylvania, one of the national luminaries of our generation. Fighter pilot and United States Senator John McCain, Republican, has come out for campaign finance reform. Preeminent in that trio is David Levdansky of Allegheny County, who has been leading the charge in this chamber. As McCain said this morning at 6 o'clock a.m. on national public radio, there is something fundamentally pernicious and unfair about either a corporation or a labor union or an individual person interlarding \$100,000 into a campaign. There is something fundamentally unfair about this dominance of soft money.

So all I would ask is that the Republican leadership, which controls this chamber, take a good, solid look at campaign finance reform in general and in the Vitali proposal in particular. It is not a partisan issue. If McCain and Feingold can join arms in Washington, then surely Perzel and DeWeese and others can be helpful to Mr. Vitali, Mr. Levdansky, and especially some of the young Republican freshmen who are here in the General Assembly for the first time.

So in a spirit of fraternity and cooperation I would ask that these remarks be entered into the record and that we commence a collective effort to realize campaign finance reform in our Commonwealth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Perzel, do you have comments at this time? All right.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Hearing none — there are no further comments — the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Armstrong County, Mr. Coleman.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 1:20 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.