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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

#### PRAYER DISPENSED WITH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair will dispense with the offering of a prayer.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. I would ask the guests here in the House to join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Please rise.

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Thursday, July 12, 2001, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House will now take up the swearing in of Representative-elect Gayle Wright. The Chair hears no objection.

#### ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House, who recognizes the Secretary.

Ms. PIZZINGRILLI. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of presenting the returns from the special election held August 14, 2001, in the 2d Legislative District. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the Secretary.

The clerk will please read the returns.

The following election returns were read:

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Second Legislative District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Erie County Board of Elections. Gayle M. Wright, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office at the city of Harrisburg, this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand one and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

Kim Pizzingrilli  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

#### CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code [25 P.S. §3252(b)], I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 2d District in the Special Election held August 14, 2001, Gayle M. Wright, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office this fourth day of September, 2001.

Kim Pizzingrilli  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

### OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania to be taken by members of the General Assembly will now be administered by Justice Stephen A. Zappala of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Justice.

Gayle, would you please rise. Thank you.

JUSTICE ZAPPALA. Mr. Speaker, the Wright family, first let me say, on behalf of myself and members of the court, it is a pleasure to see you here.

I stand here somewhat in awe, because I want to tell you, Gayle, the last time I was here it was about, I would say, 12 years ago. At that time I had the great honor of swearing in a young man at that time by the name of Jim Manderino. I swore Jim in as both the Speaker and I think all members of the House at that time. His successor here to my right I think exemplifies a lot that Jim had done on the floor of this House.

Now, the most I can tell you and your husband is, through your term of office, if you can continue the same mystique that the Manderinos and the Ryans and the DeWeeses have performed on this floor, you will be not only an asset to your family but an asset to this great House which you represent.

So God bless you, but always remember that there is an equal branch of government called the judiciary. Please watch out for us. We need help badly.

Would you please raise your right hand and place your left hand on your Bible and repeat after me.

I, Gayle Wright, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Member asserted oath.)

JUSTICE ZAPPALA. God bless you.  
Mr. Speaker, you have a good memory.

### REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Before I make remarks with respect to our brand-new member, I would like to thank Justice Zappala for honoring us by his presence. You, Gayle, have made an impressive first start to bring the next Chief Justice of the Commonwealth here before us on a day that is a special day for only one member — you.

This is, of course, an abbreviated session as you can easily see. We set this date to accommodate you as soon as possible after your election, and I want to congratulate you, and on behalf of the members of the House, I want to welcome you to the hall of the House.

Today is a special day, Gayle, as you join your colleagues in this chamber to work for the good of the people of the Commonwealth. It is special because it is a day you take an oath to preserve and protect and serve with fidelity. It is special because you are joined here by your husband, Donald; your sons, Jeffrey and Casey; your mother, Blanche; and your friends from Erie.

Your one special guest today, David DiCarlo — where are you, David? There — your one special guest, David DiCarlo, is a

very special person. He and I served together in this House for a number of years. He was a great legislator, a great individual, and we are pleased to have him back, and as I have said, we are doubly honored to have Justice Zappala here today to administer the oath of office.

As a three-term member, Gayle, of the Erie City Council and a former president of that body, you have shown yourself to be dedicated — dedicated to those that you have promised to serve as a government official.

As you embark on your journey as a legislator and lawmaker, I am sure you realize that your success will depend on knowing when to fight and when to negotiate, and that is probably a lesson you learned back in the council chambers of Erie. You learned when to hold your ground and when to give a little bit in order to be victorious.

In the end, however, the ultimate goals of your effort and all of our efforts is to transcend the political process. They revolve instead around the development of character, that indefinable quality that leads individuals to be responsible citizens.

Men and women who get involved in constituent issues think for themselves, and they choose to act in ways that ultimately contribute to the greater and common good of all the people of the Commonwealth.

Very few of us, very few legislators, are known for big victories. It just does not happen. Every now and then one comes along, but it really does not happen that often. Most of us, hopefully, are known for our steady, day-in and day-out performances in meeting the needs of our constituents, for careful, thoughtful consideration that we give the thousands of votes in this chamber. Attention to these matters is, in my judgment, the true measure of being a worthy member of this great institution.

We look forward to working with you. Your energy, openness, and friendly advice are always welcome.

You follow in the footsteps of a man that I considered a good friend, someone that was held in high esteem, as you well know, by the members of this great chamber. Italo Cappabianca was a friend of all of us, a brave and courageous man who really showed us what it is like to be a man's man, if there is such an expression, and you are following in his footsteps, and it is going to be a difficult job to do. I join the electorate of your district in having no doubt that you are up to that task, however, and will represent them to the utmost of your ability.

Again I want to congratulate you and welcome you to the hall of the House, welcome your friends to Harrisburg and to the hall of the House.

I would expect there will be another occasion for you to be sworn in with some 203 other members of the chamber, and I will tell your friends right now, they are not all going to get in here. You will be limited as a freshman member to some four invitations. So pick your four now. Other than that, they will be watching the next induction on televisions that will be sprinkled throughout the Capitol Complex.

Sincerely, you have my very, very best wishes, and I hope you have as good a time and as wonderful an experience in this job as I have had. I have been here for a long while, and there is not a day go by that I regret for a moment coming here. It is just a great place to be and a great atmosphere to work in with great people.

Congratulations again, Gayle.

## REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. At this time I would recognize the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, for remarks.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker; Justice Zappala; former Representative David DiCarlo; my colleagues; the flourishing friend from Erie, Gayle; and her family and trove of friends and supporters and workers, welcome to this short yet meaningful celebration of our democracy.

The warm encomium of the gentleman from Delaware County who presides at the dais reflects the wonderful totality, sensitivity, farsightedness, and workability of the structure that Gayle is going to embark upon.

I remember distinctly the azure sky, the gentle zephyrs wafting in over Lake Erie. I was in my early middle thirties. Italo was in his early middle forties. I do not remember how old Gayle and Don were at that time, but my first handshake with this robust and vibrant young woman was in her backyard, with blue jeans on and a push mower, making certain that that citadel of the middle class, that brick home in Erie, was well manicured that day. Don came home for lunch and Italo introduced me to his best friend, and for a decade and a half, that friendship, way up cheek by jowl against Presque Isle, has been very rewarding to me personally and obviously was a fulfilling, substantial, and integral fact in Italo's life and public service.

It is easy to speak warmly of Gayle and her family and her endeavors. Notwithstanding a Promethean campaign of recent weeks, she will be in good fettle for our next weeks of enthusiasm and debate. The polemical excitement of this room far supersedes anything that I am aware of, unless you watch Taiwanese television, and sometimes they throw fists and bottles of unnamed substance at each other. We do not get quite that carried away. The Speaker's sense of propriety and decorum is unyielding, but nevertheless, Gayle, you are about to embark upon an exciting and manifold and manifest and multifaceted world here in Pennsylvania's General Assembly.

So to my astute and meticulous and utterly unpretentious friend of many years — and this is the first time I was ever able to make remarks in a special election for a friend — I welcome you and my Democratic colleagues. My good pal, the whip, Mike Veon, is here with us; Chairman Evans; and more than a corporal's guard of worthy stalwarts of your new colleagues; my Erie County Republican team I saw a few moments ago, and other Republicans here in the room. This is a wonderful commencement for you.

So as I conclude my remarks, I am reminded of a line from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I think it was Lysander who said that the course of true love never does run smooth. Neither does anything around here.

Politics is inherently tumultuous, and I welcome you to our tumult. Mr. Ryan's steady hand at the helm will be something you will experience as well as some additional commotion from this side of the aisle. I hope you are a part of that commotion. And to Don, your life partner, welcome to you, my friend.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Gayle, he said welcome.

## REMARKS BY MR. J. EVANS

The SPEAKER. The Chair at this time recognizes the gentleman from Erie County, Mr. Evans, who will speak and send greetings on behalf of the Republican Caucus.

Mr. J. EVANS. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of the House Republicans, I would like to welcome and congratulate Representative Gayle Wright as she takes the oath of office today.

I have only been a member of this esteemed body for a little over 8 months, but numerous times I already have experienced the satisfaction of helping the people of northwestern Pennsylvania.

We are indeed their first contact when they are faced with problems relating to State government. In return they appreciate what we do and our commitment to them. I am sure that Representative Wright will find the same joy I have in working with the people of northwestern Pennsylvania.

I have known Representative Wright for more than a decade and have a tremendous amount of respect for her. At the time we first met, she was an Erie City Councilwoman and I was a television reporter. Even as a news reporter trying to get a scoop that she may not have wanted to divulge, Representative Wright always has been very kind and courteous in her dealings with me personally. I do believe that the attitude will continue as we work on different sides of the aisle for Erie area residents in the future.

Representative Wright and I do have a lot in common. She has always shown a great deal of determination fighting for the issues that she believes in. We both view education as a priority. Last year we served together as teachers for a day at Strong Vincent High School in downtown Erie. I am sure she would agree that experience there that day was enlightening and eye opening to the tough job that our public school teachers do each and every day.

Just like teaching, though, being a State Representative is not as easy as it looks. From her experience on city council, I am confident Representative Wright understands this job involves a lot of negotiating, compromise, and consensus building.

The late Representative Italo Cappabianca knew how to do things without being fiercely partisan. Although I was only able to work with him as a colleague for a short period of time, his spirit continues to fill this hall and is a guiding light. You have large shoes to fill, but I am sure that you will do it with honor.

I, along with the House Republicans, welcome Representative Wright today. I am pleased to see the House has returned to its full complement where 203 ideas and priorities can come together to make a better Pennsylvania.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Well, Gayle, that pretty much concludes this short ceremony. Again, welcome.

I understand there will be some lunch served in room 60 direct for you and your friends. You can get directions to that, if you do not have it, from the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Now I am moving into some homework.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. Report of the Committee on Committees, which the clerk will read.

The following report was read:

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

In The Pennsylvania House of  
Representatives  
September 5, 2001

#### RESOLVED THAT,

Representative Gayle Wright, Erie County, is elected a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee vice Representative John Pallone resigned.

Representative Gayle Wright, Erie County, is elected a member of the Local Government Committee vice Representative Paul Costa resigned.

Representative Gayle Wright, Erie County, is elected a member of the State Government Committee vice Representative Linda Bebko-Jones resigned.

Representative Michael Diven is elected a member of the Health and Human Services Committee vice Representative Babette Josephs resigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rep. Joseph Markosek  
Democratic Chairman  
Committee on Committees

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?  
Resolution was adopted.

## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1865** By Representatives KENNEY, LEDERER, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, BARRAR, CALTAGIRONE, FLICK, GEORGE, HESS, LAUGHLIN, SATHER, SHANER, J. TAYLOR, WATSON and WOJNAROSKI

An Act imposing a limited moratorium on approval of certain rate increases unrelated to fuel expenses, of supplying natural gas service by Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW).

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1866** By Representatives SURRA, DeWEESE, LESCOVITZ, CORRIGAN, CAPPELLI, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CASORIO, PETRARCA, BENNINGHOFF, WILT, EACHUS, STABACK, HALUSKA, CREIGHTON, TIGUE, GEORGE, WASHINGTON, HERMAN, TRICH, DALEY, CALTAGIRONE, CLARK, DAILEY, SCRIMENTI, EGOLF, ARMSTRONG, HESS, TRAVAGLIO, HENNESSEY, BEBKO-JONES, LAUGHLIN, PHILLIPS, YUDICHAK, READSHAW, WOJNAROSKI, LaGROTTA, GRUCELA, KAISER, SOLOBAY, MELIO, LYNCH, LUCYK, JAMES, SHANER and GEIST

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, raising the loan limit for purchasing certain fire fighting apparatus.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1867** By Representatives WATERS, WASHINGTON, J. WILLIAMS, THOMAS, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, L. I. COHEN, CRUZ, GEORGE, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, SHANER, STABACK, WOGAN, TRELLO, WALKO, TIGUE, PALLONE, JAMES, BELARDI, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, DALEY, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, KELLER, LEDERER, RIEGER, SOLOBAY, J. TAYLOR and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1868** By Representatives WATERS, WASHINGTON, THOMAS, J. WILLIAMS, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CASORIO, L. I. COHEN, CURRY, GEORGE, HANNA, HERMAN, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, SHANER, STABACK, WANSACZ, TRELLO, WALKO, C. WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, BELARDI, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, DALEY, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, KELLER, LEDERER, RIEGER, SOLOBAY, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRICH, PALLONE, WOJNAROSKI and JAMES

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for pharmaceutical assistance eligibility.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1869** By Representatives J. WILLIAMS, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BISHOP, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPABIANCA, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COSTA, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DIVEN, D. EVANS, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, MUNDY, PALLONE, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STEELMAN, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRELLO, WANSACZ, WATERS, C. WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act providing for a grant program for class size reduction activities; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Education and the Secretary of Education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1870** By Representatives J. WILLIAMS, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, GRUCELA, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS,

PALLONE, ROEBUCK, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRICH, WALKO, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATSON, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act requiring community notification of certain prison projects.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1871** By Representative NICKOL

An Act providing limited student loan forgiveness for qualifying education professionals and for functions of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, July 23, 2001.

**No. 1872** By Representatives HANNA, GODSHALL, LEVDANSKY, SURRA, GRUCELA, HUTCHINSON, SOLOBAY, DALEY, HERSHEY, CREIGHTON, HALUSKA, ZIMMERMAN, GEORGE, YOUNGBLOOD, SHANER, CAPPELLI, McNAUGHTON and HARHAI

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, imposing additional restrictions on the department relating to camp leases.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 30, 2001.

**No. 1873** By Representatives COSTA, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, DALEY, J. EVANS, FRANKEL, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, KAISER, KELLER, LEDERER, MAHER, MANN, MELIO, PALLONE, PISTELLA, SHANER, STABACK, THOMAS, TRICH, WANSACZ, WILT, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 30, 2001.

**No. 1874** By Representatives HARHAI, MANDERINO, MANN, ARMSTRONG, BELARDI, CASORIO, BEBKO-JONES, M. COHEN, MARKOSEK, SHANER, TRAVAGLIO, T. STEVENSON, CALTAGIRONE, SOLOBAY, HESS, MUNDY, READSHAW, SCHRODER, COSTA, GRUCELA, COY, TRICH, SCRIMENTI, CREIGHTON, SATHER, YEWIC, DeLUCA, TIGUE, SURRA, FAIRCHILD, YUDICHAK, GEORGE, CORNELL, LESCOVITZ, WANSACZ, STABACK, BELFANTI, PETRARCA, JAMES, FRANKEL, McILHINNEY, HUTCHINSON and HANNA

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cost-of-living increases to annuitants.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, August 1, 2001.

**No. 1875** By Representatives METCALFE, PIPPY, STERN, BARRAR, BUNT, CLARK, FORCIER, GEIST, HALUSKA, KELLER, MCGILL, R. MILLER, NICKOL, READSHAW, ROHRER, SOLOBAY, STEELMAN, THOMAS, TIGUE, VANCE, WANSACZ, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for suspension and expulsion of students.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, August 1, 2001.

**No. 1876** By Representatives METCALFE, LEDERER, WILT, BUNT, CLARK, FORCIER, ROHRER and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for possession of weapons.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, August 1, 2001.

**No. 1877** By Representatives WOJNAROSKI, GEORGE, LAUGHLIN, PISTELLA, HALUSKA, SHANER, BELFANTI, JOSEPHS, SOLOBAY, PRESTON, WRIGHT, HARHAI, LEVDANSKY, PETRARCA, WILT, MAHER, STABACK, THOMAS, SATHER, TANGRETTI, TRELLO, WALKO, GEIST, SAINATO, YOUNGBLOOD, ROBERTS, DALEY, TRICH, C. WILLIAMS, GRUCELA, STEELMAN and HORSEY

An Act providing for the reduction of greenhouse emissions through the encouragement of the use of reclaimable combustion products.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1878** By Representatives GABIG, NAILOR, LEH, E. Z. TAYLOR, CLYMER, ALLEN, M. BAKER, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, L. I. COHEN, COLEMAN, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, EGOLF, FORCIER, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LEWIS, LYNCH, MANN, McCALL, McNAUGHTON, METCALFE, READSHAW, ROHRER, SATHER, SAYLOR, SHANER, STERN, T. STEVENSON, R. STEVENSON, TRICH, WILT, ZUG and PALLONE

An Act prohibiting the imposition of a tax or fee on remote sales.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1879** By Representatives WILT, M. COHEN, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, TIGUE and TRICH

An Act amending the act of September 22, 1978 (P.L.763, No.143), entitled "An act establishing certain procedures relating to the termination of insurance agency contracts or accounts and providing penalties," further providing for scope of act.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1880** By Representatives LYNCH, BEBKO-JONES, CREIGHTON, GEIST, HENNESSEY, READSHAW, SCRIMENTI, THOMAS, TRICH, WASHINGTON and WILT

An Act providing for the establishment of a forensic intake classification and diversion program in county prisons; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1881** By Representatives CAPPELLI, M. BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, COSTA, FLEAGLE, GABIG, GEIST, HALUSKA, HASAY, HERSHEY, KELLER, KENNEY, LEH, LEWIS, MAJOR, MANN, R. MILLER, PALLONE, PISTELLA, SATHER, B. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRICH, WILT and CALTAGIRONE

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1882** By Representatives MICOZZIE, SATHER, TANGRETTI, ZUG, BROWNE, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CLARK, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, FRANKEL, HERMAN, MARKOSEK, TRICH, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, FICHTER, SHANER and L. I. COHEN

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for licensing and regulation of insurance producers, managers and exclusive general agents; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Insurance Commissioner and Insurance Department; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1883** By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLARK, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GRUCELA, JAMES, MARKOSEK, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, ROSS, SOLOBAY, SURRA, TANGRETTI and TIGUE

An Act requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to return to political subdivisions and municipal authorities for use in corrective action 80% of fines and assessments received from the political subdivisions and municipal authorities either directly or through the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1884** By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, DALEY, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KAISER, KELLER, LEDERER, MELIO, PALLONE, PISTELLA, SOLOBAY, TIGUE, TRICH, WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for the certification of persons conducting hazardous painting; and providing for a penalty.

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

**No. 1885** By Representatives FRANKEL, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DIVEN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, PALLONE, SHANER, SOLOBAY, TRICH, WALKO, WASHINGTON and WOJNAROSKI

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, providing tax relief for widows, widowers and the permanently disabled.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1886** By Representatives FRANKEL, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CAWLEY, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, COSTA, CURRY, DALEY, DeWEESE, DIVEN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, JAMES, KENNEY, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MARKOSEK, MELIO, MUNDY, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, ROONEY, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TRICH, WALKO, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS and YUDICHAK

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

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1887** By Representatives FRANKEL, BEBKO-JONES, BROWNE, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DALEY, DIVEN, D. EVANS, HORSEY, JAMES, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, PALLONE, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, STURLA, C. WILLIAMS and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions, for unlawful discriminatory practices, for prohibition of certain real estate practices, for powers and duties of the commission, for educational program and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy.

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

**No. 1888** By Representatives BISHOP, C. WILLIAMS, PISTELLA, PETRONE, YUDICHAK, TIGUE, NICKOL, TRICH, CURRY, D. EVANS, CALTAGIRONE, BELFANTI, WANSACZ, DIVEN, BEBKO-JONES, M. COHEN, FREEMAN, FRANKEL, MANDERINO, GRUCELA, HARPER, HENNESSEY, JAMES and SANTONI

An Act amending the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement District Act, providing for contiguous municipalities or a municipality contiguous with a city of the first class to form joint neighborhood improvement districts.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, August 20, 2001.

**No. 1889** By Representatives LUCYK, ALLEN, NAILOR, CAWLEY, TRICH, PALLONE, DeWEESE, LAUGHLIN, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CORRIGAN, DERMODY, D. EVANS, GEIST, GRUCELA, HARHAI, KELLER, SHANER, TIGUE and WOJNAROSKI

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for credited school service and for the definition of State service.

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

**No. 1890** By Representatives CASORIO, DeWEESE, COY, BELARDI, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, GEIST, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, KAISER, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MELIO, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, READSHAW, SATHER, SCHULER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, TRICH, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATSON, WOGAN and ROBERTS

An Act providing compensation to certain persons who served in the Merchant Marine serving the United States or any of her allies during World War II; providing the method of making payment to representatives of persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation; and providing penalties.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1891** By Representatives WOGAN, YOUNGBLOOD, MANDERINO, O'BRIEN, DONATUCCI, JAMES, KELLER, LEDERER, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS and WASHINGTON

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Philadelphia Municipal Court Security Account; and providing for an additional fee for initiation of legal proceeding.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1892** By Representatives DALLY, M. COHEN, SHANER, GRUCELA, CORRIGAN, SURRA, FREEMAN and HORSEY

An Act designating the Nazareth sugar cookie as the official cookie of the Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1893** By Representative GEIST

An Act designating the Slinky as the official toy of the Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1894** By Representatives NICKOL, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, COLEMAN, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALEY, DIVEN, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, GEORGE, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LEH, McILHINNEY, R. MILLER, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PIPPY, READSHAW, ROBERTS, SAYLOR, SHANER, S. H. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRICH, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON and WILT

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for registration fees for trucks and truck tractors.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1895** By Representatives NICKOL, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BLAUM, BROWNE, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, CURRY, FICHTER, FREEMAN, GEIST, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KELLER, KENNEY, LaGROTTA, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MELIO, R. MILLER, PETRONE, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHULER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRICH, WASHINGTON, WATSON and ZIMMERMAN

An Act regulating the solicitation by credit card marketers of students on college campuses for credit card applications; and requiring institutions of higher education to adopt certain credit card education programs.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 5, 2001.

**No. 1896** By Representatives WOJNAROSKI, TRAVAGLIO, SHANER, SOLOBAY, WALKO, READSHAW, FAIRCHILD, HERMAN, CAPPELLI, GEIST, TIGUE, STABACK, WILT, BELFANTI, MAHER, McGILL, COLAFELLA, HARHAI, TANGRETTI, RAYMOND, C. WILLIAMS, J. EVANS, FICHTER, R. MILLER, LAUGHLIN, YUDICHAK, YOUNGBLOOD, WASHINGTON, JAMES, McILHATTAN, HENNESSEY, TRICH, J. WILLIAMS, GRUCELA, TRELLO, STEELMAN, RUBLEY, BELARDI, WATSON, DeWEESE, CORRIGAN, M. COHEN, BEBKO-JONES, BROWNE, FRANKEL, ROEBUCK, PALLONE, MANDERINO, MELIO, BASTIAN, MARKOSEK, RUFFING, DeLUCA and ROBERTS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for person with disability plate and placard.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 5, 2001.

## HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 271** By Representatives CASORIO, BELARDI, BELFANTI, DALEY, GEORGE, LEVDANSKY, PALLONE, READSHAW, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SURRA,

TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution establishing a select committee to develop an energy strategy.

Referred to Committee on RULES, July 23, 2001.

**No. 273** By Representatives GEORGE, SURRA, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DeLUCA, DERMODY, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MUNDY, PALLONE, READSHAW, SATHER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STEELMAN, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRICH, WALKO, WATERS, J. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution directing the Committee on Consumer Affairs and the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy to jointly undertake a comprehensive and balanced assessment of public utility deregulation in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on RULES, August 1, 2001.

**No. 274** By Representatives FLICK, GODSHALL, E. Z. TAYLOR, BROWNE, ADOLPH, BARD, BARRAR, CAPELLI, CLARK, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DAILEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, GEORGE, HERSHEY, LEH, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, MCGILL, S. MILLER, NAILOR, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SCHRODER, SEMMEL, SHANER, THOMAS, TRICH, WATSON, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to reinstate certain provisions of Act 135 of 1996 amending the Health Care Services Malpractice Act to provide for medical malpractice tort reform.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, August 20, 2001.

**No. 275** By Representative HABAY

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish a task force to study the elimination or significant reduction of property taxes as a source of funding for local jurisdictions; to review the policies of states and jurisdictions of the United States which have eliminated property taxes as a source of funding for local jurisdictions; to determine the consequences of such an elimination or reduction on local taxing bodies and on this Commonwealth; and to make recommendations on alternative financing methods for schools, municipalities and other local jurisdictions.

Referred to Committee on RULES, August 20, 2001.

## RECESS

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

Hearing none, this House will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

## AFTER RECESS

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

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Prior to beginning today's session, we will close the summer session.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Erie County, Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, September 24, 2001, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:59 p.m., e.d.t., September 24, 2001, the House adjourned.