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SESSION OF 2002

186TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 58

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)

PRESIDING

PRAYER

REV. THOMAS F. SPONSLER, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Would you bow your heads and your hearts and join me in prayer:

Almighty God, we come before You today in humility and adoration for who You are and all that You have done. You have created the heavens and the earth, but You have also created us to have a relationship with You as our Heavenly Father.

Thank You for sending Your son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins to provide salvation to all who have received Him.

Lord, we acknowledge that You are sovereign, in control over our lives, our State, our nation, and our world, for there is no authority except that which You have established.

We praise You for leading Gib Armstrong to enter this role of public service. We ask that You give him the strength that he needs to fulfill the responsibilities that he is assuming today. Thank You for the supportive wife You have given him in Sharon and for the precious children You have given them, Courtney and Kelly.

We ask that You would pour out Your wisdom on Gib as he serves You, his family, and the people of the 100th District. We ask that You would bless him in order that he might be a blessing to others.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Prior to the induction service, the Speaker is going to take an opportunity to get some of his homework done that has been sitting here for approximately a month.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, July 1, 2002, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals for Tuesday, March 12; Wednesday, March 13; Monday, March 18; Monday, March 25; Tuesday, March 26; Wednesday, March 27; Monday, April 8; Tuesday, April 9; Wednesday, April 10; Thursday, April 11; Monday, April 15; and Tuesday, April 16, 2002, stand ready for approval. Without objection, the Journals will be approved. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2750 By Representatives BARD, TULLI, LEVDANSKY, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, FAIRCHILD, HORSEY, MANN, MUNDY, SATHER, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, M. WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for alternative fuels definitions, for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Fund, for reports and for appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for allocation from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund and for the Alternative Fuel Production Grant Program; and providing for a moratorium on alternative fuels tax.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 9, 2002.

No. 2758 By Representatives BROOKS, BARD, SATHER, YOUNGBLOOD, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LEVDANSKY, MANN, MUNDY, RUBLEY, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TULLI and CALTAGIRONE

An Act providing for the Weatherization Assistance Program and for the Weatherization Assistance Fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 24, 2002.

No. 2792 By Representatives VEON, S. H. SMITH, WANSACZ, GRUCELA, LEVDANSKY, McILHATTAN, GEORGE, MANN, M. COHEN, LAUGHLIN, KIRKLAND, STABACK, THOMAS, MAHER, TIGUE, HANNA, YOUNGBLOOD, JAMES, YUDICHAK, WASHINGTON, KENNEY, MYERS, HERSHEY, PISTELLA, GEIST, CAPPELLI, MELIO, J. WILLIAMS, PERZEL, HENNESSEY, McCALL and ADOLPH

An Act protecting the free exercise of religion; and prescribing the conditions under which government may substantially burden a person's free exercise of religion.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 9, 2002.

No. 2793 By Representatives PICKETT, SEMMEL, CAPPELLI, E. Z. TAYLOR, PHILLIPS, GEORGE, WATSON, McNAUGHTON, BENNINGHOFF, EGOLF, MANN, HORSEY, CREIGHTON, R. MILLER, BROOKS, SATHER, YOUNGBLOOD and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring identification credentials of coordinators of emergency management.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, July 9, 2002.

No. 2794 By Representatives HANNA, HERSHEY, ALLEN, D. EVANS, HALUSKA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, HARHAI, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, SEMMEL, B. SMITH, STABACK, YOUNGBLOOD and SURRA

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deterrent fences for deer, bear and elk and the payment of claims for damages by certain elk; imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; providing for the establishment of the Elk Damage Fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2795 By Representatives HANNA, BELFANTI, ALLEN, M. BAKER, FRANKEL, CREIGHTON, DALEY, HARHAI, JAMES, HORSEY, SATHER, SCRIMENTI, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, MELIO, SHANER, STABACK, YOUNGBLOOD and G. WRIGHT

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for physician assistants.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, July 15, 2002.

No. 2796 By Representatives HANNA, BELFANTI, STEELMAN, BOYES, CLARK, CREIGHTON, DALEY, HARHAI, HERMAN, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, McCALL, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MUNDY, NAILOR, SCHRODER, SHANER, STABACK, SURRA, TIGUE, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and G. WRIGHT

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, authorizing testing of sewage sludge.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, July 15, 2002.

No. 2797 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, WASHINGTON, BELFANTI, G. WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD, CREIGHTON, HERSHEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, GEIST, HORSEY,

JAMES, SAINATO, HARHAI, J. WILLIAMS, STEELMAN, PALLONE and BEBKO-JONES

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for dogs pursuing game or wildlife.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2798 By Representatives GEIST, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, FLICK, LESCOVITZ, PERZEL, SATHER, STERN and E. Z. TAYLOR

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 15, 2002.

No. 2799 By Representatives McILHINNEY, ADOLPH, M. BAKER, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, CREIGHTON, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, JAMES, MAHER, McGEEHAN, MELIO, R. MILLER, MUNDY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCHRODER, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, VITALI, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, MANN, CLYMER and DAILEY

An Act relating to environmental policy; establishing procedures for reviewing environmental policy actions; and providing for notice, hearings and appeals.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 15, 2002.

No. 2800 By Representatives TIGUE, HERMAN, STABACK, HASAY, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LESCOVITZ, MELIO, ROBERTS, SCHULER, STEELMAN, STERN, STETLER, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, G. WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for vacancies in the office of county commissioner.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 15, 2002.

No. 2801 By Representatives PERZEL, ARGALL, SCHULER, NICKOL, SCRIMENTI and WILT

An Act authorizing certain officers in the Department of Corrections to perform certain peace officer duties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 24, 2002.

No. 2802 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, WALKO, LEDERER, HARHAI, BELFANTI, LEVDANSKY, READSHAW, DALEY, GRUCELA, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, LAUGHLIN, J. TAYLOR, ROBERTS,

CREIGHTON, PETRARCA, JAMES, ALLEN, HORSEY, S. MILLER and G. WRIGHT

An Act providing for a tax credit for certain employers who employ at least five additional full-time employees during the tax year.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, July 15, 2002.

No. 2803 By Representatives R. MILLER, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, DALEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, ROSS, SATHER, SAYLOR, SEMMEL, THOMAS, G. WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for classification and order of payment of claims against the estate of a decedent.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 15, 2002.

No. 2804 By Representatives KENNEY, WASHINGTON, LEDERER, ADOLPH, M. BAKER, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOYES, BROWNE, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLEMAN, CORNELL, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DALLY, DERMODY, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, EACHUS, FEESE, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HORSEY, JADLOWIEC, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LAWLESS, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MACKERETH, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, PALLONE, PERZEL, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STERN, STETLER, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TURZAI, VEON, WALKO, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, ZIMMERMAN and ZUG

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for coverage of treatment ordered by work-site based employee assistance programs.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2805 By Representatives MACKERETH, KENNEY, BROWNE, TURZAI, ADOLPH, M. BAKER, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOYES, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLEMAN, CORNELL, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY,

DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, EACHUS, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PIPPY, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STERN, STETLER, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and ZUG

An Act requiring carriers and health plans to make certain annual reports relating to the provision of alcohol and drug abuse and dependency treatment.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2806 By Representatives MACKERETH, KENNEY, BROWNE, TURZAI, ADOLPH, M. BAKER, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOYES, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLEMAN, CORNELL, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, EACHUS, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PIPPY, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STERN, STETLER, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and ZUG

An Act establishing annual performance standards for the provision of alcohol and drug abuse and dependency treatment.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2807 By Representatives BROWNE, ADOLPH, M. BAKER, BARD, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOYES, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLEMAN, CORNELL, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DeWEESE, DIGIROLAMO, EACHUS, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KENNEY, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LAWLESS, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MACKERETH, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STERN, STETLER, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TURZAI, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and ZUG

An Act requiring disclosure by carriers of expense ratios in the provision of treatment of alcohol and drug abuse and addiction.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2808 By Representatives TURZAI, KENNEY, BROWNE, MACKERETH, ADOLPH, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOYES, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COLEMAN, CORNELL, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DALLY, DeWEESE, DIGIROLAMO, EACHUS, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, KREBS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, LUCYK, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MYERS, NAILOR, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STERN, STETLER, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, ZIMMERMAN and ZUG

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for coverage of alcohol and drug abuse and dependency treatment resulting from court action.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, July 15, 2002.

No. 2809 By Representatives CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, LEDERER, TIGUE, WOJNAROSKI, LAUGHLIN, CREIGHTON, G. WRIGHT, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, HARHAI, FRANKEL, WASHINGTON and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for issuance of disability registration plates.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, July 24, 2002.

No. 2810 By Representatives NAILOR, SAYLOR, SOLOBAY, B. SMITH, ALLEN, ARGALL, M. BAKER, BELFANTI, BROOKS, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, COSTA, COY, CURRY, DALEY, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, GEIST, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARPER, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, KELLER, LEH, LEVDANSKY, MANN, MARSICO, McCALL, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCRIMENTI, SEMMEL, SHANER, R. STEVENSON, STRITTMATTER, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, TURZAI, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD and ZUG

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for certain immunity for persons who donate vehicles and equipment to volunteer fire companies.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, July 24, 2002.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS

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

HB 599, HB 754, and HB 1501.

PETITIONS REFERRED

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

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**COMMUNICATION FROM
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the 2002 midyear allocation report submitted by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The SPEAKER. The Chair further acknowledges receipt of the 2000-2001 Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education Annual Report submitted by the Department of Education.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the 1999-2000 Annual Report of the Cancer Control Program submitted by the Department of Health.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the report on the approaches used in other States to provide school property tax relief and possible options for Pennsylvania submitted by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the asset forfeiture report for fiscal year 2000-2001 submitted by the Office of the Attorney General.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM TEAM PA
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the State of the Workforce System Report.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
OFFICE OF TREASURER**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the report of payments made to the Office of Independent Counsel.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM
PENNSYLVANIA STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the comprehensive annual financial report on the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System for the year 2001.

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

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair advises the members that permission has been granted to Bill Speakman of Fox 43 and Suzette Wenger of the Lancaster Intelligencer to take photographs and video during the proceedings to follow. They have permission to roam the floor but not get in the way.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House will now take up as a special order of business the swearing in of Representative-elect Gibson C. Armstrong. The Chair hears no objections.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, Deputy Secretary Rapp.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Rapp.

Mr. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have the honor of presenting the returns for the special election held July 16, 2002, in the 100th Legislative District.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The Chair thanks the Deputy.

The clerk will 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 One hundredth Legislative District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Lancaster County Board of Elections. Gibson C. Armstrong, 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 the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

Kenneth Rapp
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

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SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
100TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
LANCASTER COUNTY
JULY 16, 2002

OFFICIAL RESULTS

	VOTE TOTALS
Republican – Gibson C. Armstrong	3,655
Democratic – Bruce Beardsley	1,906
Write-Ins (Scattered)	2

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of State
Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation
July 30, 2002

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 100th District in the Special Election held July 16, 2002, Gibson C. Armstrong, 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 the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this thirtieth day of July, 2002.

Kenneth Rapp
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests the Representative-elect to stand in the well of the House for the purpose of taking the oath. If he cares to, he may be joined by his wife or any member of the family that he would like.

Go ahead, Dad; up there. Come on, Dad; get up here. Senator.

Place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and repeat after me.

I, Gibson C. Armstrong, 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.)

The SPEAKER. That does it.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. If I may, on behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I am pleased to welcome our newest colleague, the Honorable Gibson C. Armstrong, to the hall of this House.

Today is a special day, Gib, as you join your colleagues in this chamber to work for the good of the people. It is special because it is the day you take an oath to preserve, protect, and to serve with fidelity. It is special because you are joined here by your wife, Sharon; your children, Kelly and Courtney; your parents, the Honorable and Mrs. Gibson E. Armstrong; and your friends from Lancaster.

I am especially pleased to welcome back to the hall of the House your father, the Senator, who for many years worked with me and many of the other people you will be now working with when he was a member of the House; he was a member of this body.

Young Gib – and I say that only because I get the middle initials mixed up – you are living proof that the apple does not fall far from the tree. As you embark on your journey as a legislator and a lawmaker, I am sure you will realize that your success will depend on knowing when to fight and when to negotiate, when to hold your ground and when to give ground in order to be victorious.

In the end, however, the ultimate goals of our efforts here transcend the political process. They revolve around, instead, 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 choose to act in ways that ultimately contribute to the greater and common good.

I think it is important to know that few legislators are known for big victories. Most are known for their steady day-in-and-day-out performances in meeting the needs of their constituents and for the careful, thoughtful consideration they give to thousands of votes cast in this chamber. Attention to these matters are, in my judgment, the true measure of being a worthy member of this great institution.

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

And we honestly and sincerely welcome you here as a member of this great institution. Welcome.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I am going to invite the brandnew member to introduce the members of his family and any relatives you would care to introduce to the House.

Mr. G. ARMSTRONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My wife, Sharon – would you stand up, Sharon – my two daughters, Courtney and Kelly; my parents, Senator and Mrs. Armstrong; my brother, Chris, and his wife, Maridol, and their daughter, Olivia; my mother-in-law, Phyllis Barnett; my grandmother-in-law, Marion Brubaker; my sister-in-law, Karen Barnett; my grandmother, Tressa Wilson; my aunt, Elaine Wilson; and my cousin, Steve Wilson.

The SPEAKER. That is a good job. The others will forgive you.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Representative Armstrong, we will pass now on giving you an opportunity to address the House, and I will at this time recognize the majority leader, Mr. Perzel, for a few remarks.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

One of the benefits of being a leader is that you get the opportunity of welcoming the new members right after the Speaker actually speaks.

I feel very badly for you today, because the minority leader is not here. He is much more eloquent. He goes on for about a half hour, and you do not understand what he says, but he sounds good the whole time he is saying it.

But you are in a very special institution. The Pennsylvania House of Representatives was established by William Penn in 1681, and one of the things that a lot of the people in Philadelphia, where I am from, do not even understand is that Independence Hall was the State House of Representatives, and I do see your dad here, a Senator. We do like to tell people that in that building, when you go and you see it, there is a chamber for the General Assembly, which is the House of Representatives, and Supreme Court. We had not established the State Senate yet. That was a mistake we made about 10 years after that.

But it does give people a historical perspective from the fact that we are about 100 years older than the United States Congress. We are probably the oldest freestanding assembly, obviously, in the world, and this building is really a testament to that, and you are now one of the members. I mean, Benjamin Franklin, who was a colleague of Representative Ryan's many years ago, Ben Franklin was our Speaker of this House of Representatives at one point in time, and William Penn's brothers were members here.

But we wanted to welcome you and say, you know, it is a hard-fought fight, and you get the opportunity of representing, all of us, around 65,000 people, and it is truly an honor. You are a volunteer for this job. Nobody told you you had to fill those pieces of paper out. You actually did it on your own. You got

the petitions signed on your own, and you wanted to be a candidate on your own.

It is an all-volunteer army that we have here, and you chose to do that, and it gives you an opportunity, really, to do an awful lot of good things. I mean, in this last couple of years, we think we have done a good job of making Pennsylvania much more competitive than it has been in the past. We have really made welfare much more palatable here in Pennsylvania. There are 400,000 less welfare recipients. We have tried to make Pennsylvania more job friendly. We have tried to make sure that everybody out there is getting a job, to go to work every day and become a productive member of society, and we have tried to say, hey, we want Pennsylvania to be a better place for our kids. And now you are going to be here to have the opportunity of working with us to try to make, truly, a better Pennsylvania, and I wish you well. I wish your family well and your children well and all the relatives you have here.

But it is truly an awesome responsibility. When I first got here, I sat in like the last row, the last seat, and I thought to myself, what nitwit would sit up front? And now I am one of the nitwits that sits up front.

But your input does mean a lot to us. We take what every member has to say to heart. We are not always able to accomplish everything that every single one of the members wants to do every single day, but a lot of the ideas and a lot of the philosophical things that you bring here from your upbringing, from your dad and from your mom and from your grandparents, will be ideas and challenges that we will try to bring forth here on the floor of the House of Representatives. So to that extent, you really can accomplish an awful lot here.

And I think you ought to be proud. I think most of the delegation from Lancaster County is here. I see Representatives Strittmatter, Hershey, Zimmerman, Schuler, and that is a nice testament that they would take the time to come here to see you today.

And really, it is your day. I would like to wish you well. If I can help you with anything, my door is open. I am right downstairs, and my home phone number is in the phonebook, which my constituents back at home cannot even believe.

And good luck, and again, congratulations.

REMARKS BY MR. CALTAGIRONE

The SPEAKER. Representing the minority leader, Mr. Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do want to wish a special welcome on behalf of the Democratic Caucus to our newest Representative, Gib Armstrong, and I just could not let it go by, Senator Armstrong, without saying, we had some very, very fond years together that we served together. We came in together. We grew up together in the House in '76, and it was kind of interesting. I sat over on the Republican side. We did not have enough space on this side, and we had 18 seats over there, Matt, as you probably remember, and Gib and Kenny Brandt and many of us sat over there together and had some wonderful times. There are only three of us left from that class, Gib, in the House yet. It is E.Z. Taylor, Jess Stairs, and myself. You, of course, have gone on to better things over in the Senate. I look forward to working with your son.

And on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I wish you well and extend the hand of friendship, because as you will find out, the glamour, once it is gone from this day, the nuts and bolts, the grunts, as I call us, in this House, except for the leaders on both sides – they clash swords – there are many of us that do our thing day to day and work together to get a lot of things accomplished for the good of the Commonwealth, and I wish you the best, and God bless.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY SENATOR ARMSTRONG

The SPEAKER. This is unexpected, but he was never at a loss for words, in my recollection. Senator Armstrong, would you care to make a few comments.

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for this opportunity. I am sure there are not very many Senators that have this opportunity.

But I do not know if you are aware of this or not, but Matt, the Speaker, is undergoing cancer treatments. He had a treatment this morning. He should not be here, but he went above and beyond, and, Matt, I thank you for the effort to be here.

He is so highly regarded that they named a building after him when he is still living. That building you were just in, they named after Matt Ryan. Everybody up here knows Matt and knows what he stands for. He is a man of honor; he is a man of integrity.

But this is something special. Way back, perhaps you think about maybe your children would want to get involved in politics, but your children see politics from a different viewpoint when you live it day in, day out. We did not speak a lot about politics at home around the dinner table as such, and the dinner table at our house was, we did not know when we were going to eat. Sometimes we would eat at 5 o'clock, not many, but it could be 6 o'clock, could be 7 o'clock, could be 8 o'clock, could be I would not be home at all. But it takes a special wife – and I had one of those – to accommodate you, and Marty never, ever complained about the schedule as such. She was always part of it. And I think Gib sees this. When he grew up, he knows from the inside what it takes. I cautioned him what he was getting into, and he wanted to do it, and he has a special wife, Sharon, who is right there with him, and that is what it takes, is a team. And I am so proud of him, and I kind of had to hold back for all these months and not say much, but we are all extremely proud of him. He stood up there and said, I am ready for it, and whatever happens happens, but I am willing to do it.

So, Gib, congratulations, and we love you.

Thank you, Matt.

REMARKS BY MR. G. ARMSTRONG

The SPEAKER. Now the man of the hour, if he would care to address his friends, Representative Armstrong, as opposed to— If you would care to make a few remarks, you are welcome to do so.

Mr. G. ARMSTRONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an honor to be here. It is an honor to be here with so many friends and family members, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a normal swearing-in ceremony.

I have already taken some time earlier at a reception to thank many of them individually, and I just wanted to say thank you to yourself for being here. It means a lot to have yourself here, Mr. Speaker, along with several members of the Lancaster delegation and several members of the House as well.

So thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. G. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, September 23, 2002, 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 1:28 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.