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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 10 a.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (BRETT FEESE) PRESIDING

PRAYER

REV. ROBERT A. GRAYBILL, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

As again I stand before you, let me offer you these words. Perhaps you can put them in the sense of a prayer or just a quiet moment to connect with God.

May you hear these words:

O Lord God, we pause as we begin this session to be aware of Thy presence within us. Gathered as elected leaders within this great Commonwealth, I ask of You, God, that You give to each of them a sense of Your presence that will guide them through the matters of this day.

If it is Your will, perhaps give to each a mind that can weigh the issues and make a clear and concise decision about what is before them so some significant action can occur and good decisions are made for the best of our people.

If You would, give to each of them a heart that is willing to listen to the fears and the heartaches of the people, their worries about the future for their families and their neighborhoods. This body has an awesome task, and, Lord, I ask that You walk with them this day.

May You give to each of them a soul that is driven by a great desire and a sincere compassion to improve the quality of life for the people of Pennsylvania, so these their leaders, be with them as they try to work hard and realize it is more than a legal process; it is really a way of carrying out Your will, God, for the people of our land.

As each day comes to a close and particularly this day, Lord, we ask that all those gathered will have a sense of Your peace that comes from knowing that they lived this day with integrity of heart, mind, and soul.

Hear our prayer, we ask. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 5, 2003, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 686 By Representatives KENNEY and J. TAYLOR

An Act providing for optional limitations on real property taxes in cities of the first class.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 687 By Representatives CREIGHTON, BALDWIN, BELFANTI, GEIST, GILLESPIE, HALUSKA, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, LYNCH, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 688 By Representatives CREIGHTON, BALDWIN, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, COSTA, CRUZ, FLICK, GEIST, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, KENNEY, KOTIK, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MELIO, MUNDY, READSHAW, SATHER, SAYLOR, STERN, SURRA, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 689 By Representatives ROBERTS, KIRKLAND, SHANER, TIGUE and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.571, No.254), known as The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law, authorizing the Auditor General to audit certain county-wide assessments.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 690 By Representatives JAMES, LEDERER, LEACH, THOMAS, WATERS, WASHINGTON, LESCOVITZ, J. WILLIAMS, J. EVANS, BISHOP, PETRARCA, DeWEESE, WHEATLEY, STABACK, HENNESSEY, PRESTON, BUXTON, BEBKO-JONES, FRANKEL, LEVDANSKY, CRUZ, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, DERMODY, STURLA, CURRY, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, MANDERINO, JOSEPHS, HORSEY, WALKO and OLIVER

An Act requiring the Attorney General to collect data on traffic stops; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 691 By Representatives JAMES, LEACH, THOMAS, WATERS, LESCOVITZ, WASHINGTON, WALKO, D. EVANS, BISHOP, PETRARCA, J. WILLIAMS, DeWEESE, WHEATLEY, BROWNE, HENNESSEY, PRESTON, YOUNGBLOOD, BUXTON, GEORGE, BEBKO-JONES, FRANKEL, STABACK, SURRA, LEVDANSKY, CRUZ, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, DERMODY, CURRY, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, PALLONE, ROBERTS, WANSACZ, MANDERINO, JOSEPHS, HORSEY, ROEBUCK and OLIVER

An Act providing for detailed records of all traffic stops; prohibiting traffic stops solely on the basis of racial profiling; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate complaints of racial profiling; and providing for the powers and duties of the Attorney General and for reporting to the General Assembly.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 692 By Representatives JAMES, LEACH, THOMAS, WATERS, LESCOVITZ, WALKO, WASHINGTON, D. EVANS, BISHOP, PETRARCA, J. WILLIAMS, DeWEESE, WHEATLEY, BROWNE, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, PRESTON, BUXTON, BEBKO-JONES, FRANKEL, LEVDANSKY, CRUZ, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, DERMODY, STURLA, CURRY, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, MANDERINO, JOSEPHS, HORSEY, OLIVER and ROEBUCK

An Act providing for detailed records of all police motor vehicles and pedestrian stops.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 693 By Representatives JAMES, LEACH, THOMAS, WATERS, LESCOVITZ, WALKO, D. EVANS, BISHOP, J. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, PETRARCA, DeWEESE, WHEATLEY, BROWNE, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, PRESTON, BUXTON, GEORGE, BEBKO-JONES, FRANKEL, SURRA, CRUZ, LEVDANSKY, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, DERMODY, STURLA, CURRY, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, MANDERINO, JOSEPHS, HORSEY, FAIRCHILD and OLIVER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for duties of the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 694 By Representatives JAMES, THOMAS, WATERS, LESCOVITZ, WALKO, D. EVANS, WASHINGTON, J. WILLIAMS, BISHOP, PETRARCA, BROWNE, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, PRESTON, LEVDANSKY, CRUZ, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, KIRKLAND, JOSEPHS, HORSEY and OLIVER

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 695 By Representatives JAMES, LEACH, THOMAS, WATERS, LESCOVITZ, WALKO, WASHINGTON, J. WILLIAMS, D. EVANS, BISHOP, FAIRCHILD, PETRARCA, DeWEESE, WHEATLEY, BROWNE, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, PRESTON, BUXTON, GEORGE, BEBKO-JONES, FRANKEL, SURRA, LEVDANSKY, CRUZ, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, EACHUS, DERMODY, STURLA, CURRY, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, MANDERINO, JOSEPHS, HORSEY and OLIVER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the powers and duties of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 696 By Representatives KELLER, ADOLPH, LEDERER, RAYMOND, DONATUCCI, TIGUE, RIEGER, COSTA, OLIVER, DIVEN, McGEEHAN, YUDICHAK, YOUNGBLOOD, CAWLEY, JOSEPHS, MELIO, JAMES, MICOZZIE, CRUZ, CIVERA, WATERS, WASHINGTON, TANGRETTI, HORSEY, MYERS, RUFFING, BARRAR, McILHINNEY, ROEBUCK, READSHAW, GERGELY, WOJNAROSKI, WALKO, KOTIK, PISTELLA, PETRARCA, SAINATO, ROBERTS, GANNON, BUNT, FICHTER, DeLUCA, ALLEN, SOLOBAY, STEIL, YEWIC, FLICK, BISHOP, CORRIGAN, TRAVAGLIO, LAUGHLIN and PETRI

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority certain lands situate in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 697 By Representatives FRANKEL, HENNESSEY, BEBKO-JONES, BISHOP, CURRY, DALEY, D. EVANS, FREEMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MANDERINO, MANN, McCALL, MELIO, MUNDY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, STURLA, TANGRETTI, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO and WALKO

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further defining "work experience"; further providing for establishment of RESET, for work supports, for eligibility for assistance, for failure to comply with employment and work-related activity requirements and for eligibility for medical assistance.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 6, 2003.

No. 698 By Representatives FRANKEL, D. EVANS, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, COSTA, DALEY, EACHUS, HARHAI, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PISTELLA, SHANER, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, further providing for allocation of general municipal pension system State aid.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 699 By Representatives FRANKEL, BROWNE, COSTA, DALEY, FREEMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY, PALLONE and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for the definitions of "tax increment" and "tax increment base."

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 701 By Representatives GEORGE, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BISHOP, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRUZ, CURRY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, GOODMAN, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, LEACH, LEDERER, MANDERINO, McILHATTAN, MELIO, NAILOR, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for unfair acts; and providing for a report by the Insurance Department.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 702 By Representatives GODSHALL, CLYMER, BARD, BENNINGHOFF, FAIRCHILD, HERSHEY, LEWIS, MACKERETH, ROHRER, TRUE, WILT and WRIGHT

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, providing for limitations on attorney fees.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 703 By Representatives GODSHALL, HERSHEY, BARD, BENNINGHOFF, CLYMER, FAIRCHILD, LEWIS, MACKERETH, ROHRER, SATHER, SCHRODER, TRUE, WILT and WRIGHT

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing limitations on attorney fees in medical malpractice actions.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 704 By Representatives GODSHALL, E. Z. TAYLOR, BALDWIN, BARD, BENNINGHOFF, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, FAIRCHILD, HASAY, HERSHEY, LEWIS, ROHRER, SATHER, SCAVELLO, TRUE, WILT and WRIGHT

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, providing for hospital care or assistance necessitated by traumatic injury immunity.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 705 By Representatives MELIO, BEBKO-JONES, CASORIO, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRUZ, GERGELY, HORSEY, LEWIS, RAYMOND, SAINATO, TANGRETTI, WOJNAROSKI, COY, DONATUCCI, HARHAI, LESCOVITZ, PISTELLA, READSHAW, SATHER and THOMAS

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 706 By Representatives MELIO, CURRY, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, LESCOVITZ, SCHRODER, THOMAS, LAUGHLIN, READSHAW, TANGRETTI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emission inspection program expenditures.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 707 By Representatives MELIO, BARD, CASORIO, CAWLEY, GEORGE, HERSHEY, JOSEPHS, PETRARCA, READSHAW, THOMAS, WOJNAROSKI, HARHAI, JAMES, LESCOVITZ, RAYMOND, TANGRETTI, TIGUE and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 708 By Representatives MELIO, BARRAR, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, FLICK, HORSEY, LEACH, LEWIS, RAYMOND, ROHRER, SHANER, TIGUE, WHEATLEY, HERMAN, LAUGHLIN, LESCOVITZ, PETRARCA, READSHAW, RUBLEY, THOMAS, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD and HENNESSEY

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 709 By Representatives DiGIROLAMO, ALLEN, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BROWNE, BUXTON, CASORIO, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CORNELL, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, DALLY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, FREEMAN, GEIST, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARRIS, HASAY, HORSEY, KELLER, KENNEY, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LEACH, MARKOSEK, McNAUGHTON, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, RAYMOND, READSHAW, ROONEY, RUBLEY, RUFFING, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, STABACK, TANGRETTI, TRUE, WATSON, WEBER and WILT

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 710 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELFANTI, CRAHALLA, CURRY, D. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, LEWIS, MELIO, READSHAW, SCHRODER, SHANER, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ and WASHINGTON

An Act establishing the Mandate Review Advisory Board within the Local Government Commission; and adding powers and duties upon the Local Government Commission.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 711 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BARRAR, BELARDI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CURRY, DALEY, EACHUS, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, PAYNE, PISTELLA, PALLONE, READSHAW, SAINATO, SATHER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, YEWIC and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for authority to erect traffic-control devices.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 712 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, CRUZ, DALEY, DeWEESE, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEWIS, MELIO, MUNDY, PALLONE, PISTELLA, ROONEY, SATHER, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act requiring State governmental departments and agencies, public utilities and pipeline entities to notify municipalities of any governmental project or proceeding that would involve the taking of real property within the municipality.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 713 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BROWNE, CAWLEY, CURRY, DALEY, DeWEESE, GEIST, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, JOSEPHS, PALLONE, PISTELLA, PRESTON, ROONEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its powers and duties," further providing for State health centers.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 6, 2003.

No. 714 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, COSTA, CURRY, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MARKOSEK, MCGILL, PALLONE, READSHAW, SEMMEL, SHANER, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 715 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELFANTI, BUNT, CRUZ, DALEY, FAIRCHILD, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, LEACH, LEDERER, LEWIS, McCALL, McGEEHAN, S. MILLER, NAILOR, REICHLEY, STABACK, THOMAS, WALKO, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 716 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELFANTI, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, GEIST, GRUCELA, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, MELIO, PALLONE, STABACK, TANGRETTI, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 717 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BELARDI, CRUZ, GEORGE, HORSEY, SAINATO, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for notification of certain licenses, permits and contracts to municipalities.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 718 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BEBKO-JONES, DALEY, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, PALLONE, ROONEY, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE 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 regulation of expelled students.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 719 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BEBKO-JONES, DALEY, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, ROBERTS, SURRA and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for regulation of polling places.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 720 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, CURRY, DALEY, GABIG, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MELIO, PALLONE, PAYNE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROONEY, SAINATO, SHANER, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for persons with military service-connected disabilities to receive property tax exemptions.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 721 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAWLEY, CRUZ, DALEY, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SHANER, STABACK, THOMAS, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the purchase of credit for either nonintervening or intervening military service by surviving spouses.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 722 By Representatives WRIGHT, WATSON, HENNESSEY, CAWLEY, DIVEN, FREEMAN, HARPER, LEDERER, McILHINNEY, O'NEILL, PRESTON, SOLOBAY, STEIL, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD and CORRIGAN

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.866, No.137), known as the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act, amending the title and short title of the act; further providing for legislative purpose, for definitions, for optional fee increases and for disposition of proceeds; and providing for economic development efforts.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 723 By Representatives CURRY, BARRAR, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLYMER, COY, DALEY, FLICK, FORCIER, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HERMAN, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, READSHAW, ROONEY, RUBLEY, STABACK, STERN, T. STEVENSON, THOMAS, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, repealing certain provisions imposing sales and use tax on lawn care services.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 724 By Representatives CURRY, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BISHOP, CORRIGAN, DALEY, HARHAI, HERSHEY, KIRKLAND, MANDERINO, MELIO, MYERS, PISTELLA, SAINATO, SCRIMENTI, STURLA, TIGUE, WANSACZ, YOUNGBLOOD, BROWNE, CRUZ, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, LEACH, MANN, MUNDY, PALLONE, PRESTON, SANTONI, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, WALKO and WASHINGTON

An Act requiring health insurance companies to reimburse health care providers at specified rates; and conferring powers and duties upon the Insurance Department.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 725 By Representatives SANTONI, NICKOL, S. MILLER, SOLOBAY, DALEY, MELIO, YOUNGBLOOD, PISTELLA, TIGUE and HORSEY

An Act amending the act of May 12, 1943 (P.L.259, No.120), referred to as the Foreign Casualty Insurance Premium Tax Allocation Law, providing for use of certain funds by municipalities that are consolidated or merged with other municipalities.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 726 By Representatives SANTONI, DeWEESE, BELARDI, HERSHEY, GORDNER, GRUCELA, SOLOBAY, HENNESSEY, FAIRCHILD, ROONEY, O'NEILL, YOUNGBLOOD, CAWLEY, HALUSKA, READSHAW, PISTELLA, SAYLOR, MELIO, MUNDY, STABACK, SURRA, HARHAI, HARPER, SCRIMENTI, COY, DALEY, DeLUCA, WHEATLEY, WALKO, LAUGHLIN, TIGUE, GERGELY, TANGRETTI, McGEEHAN, CURRY, THOMAS, BROWNE, JAMES and WANSACZ

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.396, No.86), entitled "An act requiring notice of rate increases, policy cancellations and nonrenewals by property and casualty insurers," prohibiting premium increases and cancellations of insurance policies in cases of certain volunteer emergency service personnel.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 727 By Representatives SANTONI, DeWEESE, GODSHALL, S. MILLER, DALEY, GEIST, BELARDI, PICKETT, HARPER, ALLEN, SOLOBAY, FAIRCHILD, GRUCELA, REED, GEORGE, GERGELY, LESCOVITZ, ROONEY, McCALL, TRAVAGLIO, YOUNGBLOOD, SHANER, PISTELLA, J. EVANS, CREIGHTON, R. MILLER, CAWLEY, CIVERA, BEBKO-JONES, CURRY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KOTIK, WALKO, TIGUE, SCRIMENTI, RUFFING, SAINATO, PETRARCA, McGEEHAN, TANGRETTI, COY, HARHAI, LEACH, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, STERN, SEMMEL, SATHER, READSHAW, MUNDY, MELIO, SCAVELLO, BROWNE and WANSACZ

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, providing for lifetime licenses for service dogs.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 728 By Representatives SANTONI, DeWEESE, COY, CAWLEY, SAYLOR, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SHANER, LEACH, LEVDANSKY, HARHAI, STABACK, SCRIMENTI, HENNESSEY, PISTELLA, DALEY, DERMODY, MANN, GRUCELA, KOTIK, GERGELY, YOUNGBLOOD, WHEATLEY, PICKETT, WALKO, LAUGHLIN, SAINATO, TIGUE, TANGRETTI, JAMES and HORSEY

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, further defining "bona fide member."

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 729 By Representatives SANTONI, GEIST, McCALL, CAWLEY, WASHINGTON, FAIRCHILD, SAYLOR, CRUZ, GRUCELA, S. MILLER, DALEY, DERMODY, BROWNE, READSHAW, TIGUE, BEBKO-JONES, BAKER, SHANER, HARHAI, STABACK, SOLOBAY, MELIO, YOUNGBLOOD, SAINATO, ROBERTS, HORSEY and PALLONE

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 730 By Representatives BARD, CIVERA, HERMAN, GODSHALL, YOUNGBLOOD, ADOLPH, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, DALLY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FLICK, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEWIS, MANDERINO, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, RAYMOND, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YEWIC and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, further providing for property tax, rent rebate and inflation cost.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 731 By Representatives BARD, GEIST, BUNT, HARHART, LAUGHLIN, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, CIVERA, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALLY, DeLUCA, FLICK, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LaGROTTA, LEH, LEWIS, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, O'NEILL, RAYMOND, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YEWIC, YOUNGBLOOD and WASHINGTON

An Act providing for a homestead exclusion for older Pennsylvanians.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 732 By Representatives BARD, RUBLEY, STEIL, HERMAN, WOJNAROSKI, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CIVERA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, FLICK, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARPER, HUTCHINSON, LaGROTTA, LEH, LEWIS, MANN, S. MILLER, RAYMOND, ROBERTS, ROSS, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SHANER, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, WATSON, YEWIC and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a homestead exclusion for certain older Pennsylvanians.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 733 By Representatives BARD, MICOZZIE, SCAVELLO, MACKERETH, BROWNE, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CIVERA, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALLY, DeLUCA, FLICK, GEIST, GEORGE,

GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HERMAN, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MAHER, O'NEILL, RAYMOND, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YEWIC and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for a local tax exemption for older Pennsylvania residents and for duties of the Department of Revenue.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 734 By Representatives DeWEESE, BEBKO-JONES, HERMAN, LAUGHLIN, MUNDY, STABACK, WOJNAROSKI, HARHAI, SCRIMENTI, DeLUCA, ROBERTS, WASHINGTON, JOSEPHS, SHANER, CRUZ, KIRKLAND, MELIO, MYERS, J. WILLIAMS, YEWIC, JAMES, THOMAS, PETRARCA, HORSEY, MAHER and LEACH

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for business transacted at unauthorized meeting, for penalties and for jurisdiction and venue of judicial proceedings.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 735 By Representatives FLICK, McCALL, WILT, MAHER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, HORSEY, KOTIK, MANDERINO, McILHATTAN, O'NEILL, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for maximum speed limits and for the authority to erect traffic-control devices.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 736 By Representatives FLICK, McCALL, WILT, HARPER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, FREEMAN, GABIG, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORSEY, LEWIS, MANDERINO, McILHATTAN, R. MILLER, MUNDY, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PICKETT, REED, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR and TIGUE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the use of certain electronic speed timing devices by qualified police officers.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 737 By Representatives FLICK, GEIST, FAIRCHILD, MELIO, BAKER, BALDWIN, BROWNE, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CIVERA, DeLUCA, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, HORSEY, LEACH, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, SOLOBAY, R. STEVENSON, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for special library registration plates.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 738 By Representative FLICK

An Act repealing the act of April 16, 1845 (P.L.532, No.348), entitled "An act to increase the revenues and diminish the legislative expenses of the commonwealth."

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 739 By Representative FLICK

An Act amending the act of March 29, 1827 (P.L.154, No.75), entitled "An act for the better preservation of the records contained in the public offices of the several counties of this commonwealth," repealing provisions relating to judgment dockets.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 740 By Representative FLICK

An Act repealing the act of April 12, 1866 (P.L.103, No.91), entitled "An act relative to the fees of district attorney, in certain counties of this commonwealth."

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 741 By Representative FLICK

An Act repealing the act of November 10, 1959 (P.L.1400, No.497), entitled "An act providing for the annual registration of organized camps for children, youth and adults; defining the duties of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and prescribing penalties."

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 6, 2003.

No. 742 By Representatives McCALL, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BROWNE, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, COY, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DeLUCA, EACHUS, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, MANDERINO, MELIO, PALLONE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, SAINATO, SANTONI, SATHER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for unfair and deceptive acts or practices by Internet access providers.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 743 By Representatives LEWIS, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, GABIG, GODSHALL, HARPER, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, LEH, MANDERINO, ROHRER, ROSS, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, STERN, TURZAI, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act abolishing mandatory medical malpractice insurance.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 744 By Representatives STAIRS, BROWNE, ROEBUCK, FLEAGLE, HERMAN, McILHATTAN, T. STEVENSON, BISHOP, CURRY, GRUCELA, MUNDY, SHANER, BELFANTI, BUNT, COSTA, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FICHTER, FREEMAN, GEIST, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARPER, HESS, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, MANN, McCALL, McGILL, S. MILLER, NAILOR, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, SEMMEL, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, TRUE, VANCE, WASHINGTON, WEBER, YOUNGBLOOD and SAINATO

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 powers and duties of the State Board of Education; establishing the Board of Community Colleges; providing for the members, structure, powers and duties and chief executive officer of the Board of Community Colleges, for a Council of Presidents, for appropriations and allocation of funds and for audits; further providing for powers and duties of boards of trustees, for tuition and for financial program and reimbursement of payments; and providing for the transfer of contract obligations, records, property, supplies, equipment and funds to the Board of Community Colleges.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 745 By Representative LYNCH

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Warren County Conservation District certain lands situate in the Township of Glade, Warren County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 746 By Representatives LYNCH, STABACK, B. SMITH, BELARDI, CAWLEY, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, J. EVANS, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, McCALL, McGEEHAN, MUNDY, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, SCRIMENTI, SEMMEL, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON and WILT

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact; providing for the form of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor and the Compact Administrator; and limiting the applicability of suspension powers.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 6, 2003.

No. 747 By Representatives LYNCH, McNAUGHTON, ARGALL, HORSEY, SANTONI, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Hazleton soil series as the official soil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 748 By Representatives LYNCH, BAKER, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, DeWEESE, FEESE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, McGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, THOMAS, WALKO, WANSACZ, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to certain employees of the Bureau of Forestry in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, waterways conservation officers of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and wildlife conservation officers of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 6, 2003.

No. 749 By Representatives LYNCH, COLEMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, RUFFING, SAINATO and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, providing for sales of games of chance to eligible organizations by the Department of Revenue; deleting provisions relating to licensing of distributors; and further providing for enforcement.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 750 By Representatives BARD, HERMAN, LEWIS, LEDERER, LEH, BELFANTI, BUNT, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, DeWEESE, FLICK, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, MANN, SOLOBAY, E. Z. TAYLOR and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, providing for compensation for certain injuries suffered by off-duty law enforcement officers.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 6, 2003.

No. 751 By Representatives BARD, LEDERER, EGOLF, SCAVELLO, RAYMOND, BAKER, BARRAR, BROWNE, CORRIGAN, DALEY, FLICK, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HUTCHINSON, KIRKLAND, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEWIS, MELIO, R. MILLER, PISTELLA, ROHRER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for neighbor notification of the current residence of sexual offenders.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 752 By Representatives BARD, HICKERNELL, GEIST, STURLA, BARRAR, BROWNE, BUNT, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, CURRY, EGOLF, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HERSHEY, KIRKLAND, MELIO, RUBLEY, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR and THOMAS

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 6, 2003.

No. 753 By Representatives BARD, HERMAN, BUNT, MARSICO, MANDERINO, ARMSTRONG, BARRAR, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, CURRY, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, KIRKLAND, LEDERER, LEH, MELIO, MUNDY, RUBLEY, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TURZAI, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, providing for separation requirements for adult uses.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 754 By Representatives BARD, HENNESSEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, KIRKLAND, CORRIGAN, FLICK, HERSHEY, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for certain liability limits.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 755 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLYMER, COLEMAN, COSTA, CREIGHTON, DAILEY, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FORCIER, GODSHALL, GRUITZA, HANNA, HARHART, HARRIS, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, MACKERETH, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, METCALFE, NAILOR, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON,

THOMAS, TURZAI, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, ZUG, SATHER, S. MILLER, BUNT, ADOLPH, ROBERTS, HARHAI, GEIST and ALLEN

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 the imposition of inheritance tax, for the rate of inheritance and for returns.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 756 By Representatives LYNCH, ADOLPH, BEBKO-JONES, BROWNE, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, GEIST, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KELLER, KOTIK, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McGEEHAN, McGILL, McILHINNEY, MELIO, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, THOMAS, TIGUE, TURZAI, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD and ZUG

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Pennsylvania Irish Caucus registration plates and for the Irish Famine Memorial Fund to renovate war memorials.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2003.

No. 757 By Representatives LYNCH, BROWNE, CORRIGAN, DALEY, GODSHALL, HARPER, HORSEY, JAMES, KIRKLAND, SATHER, SCRIMENTI, THOMAS, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for designation and conservation of exceptional value waters.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 6, 2003.

No. 758 By Representatives LYNCH, BEBKO-JONES, BISHOP, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, HESS, HORSEY, JAMES, KIRKLAND, LEH, McILHATTAN, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SATHER, STERN, THOMAS, TURZAI and WASHINGTON

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing time parameters for action on pardons.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 759 By Representatives TIGUE, CAWLEY, YUDICHAK, ROSS, YOUNGBLOOD, WOJNAROSKI, WHEATLEY, STERN, STABACK, SOLOBAY, SHANER, ROBERTS, PISTELLA, LAUGHLIN, KELLER, GRUCELA, FICHTER, CURRY, CAPPELLI, BUNT, PRESTON, MELIO, KOTIK, HARHAI, GEORGE, DALEY, COSTA, BUXTON, BEBKO-JONES and HORSEY

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, March 6, 2003.

No. 760 By Representatives TIGUE, CAWLEY, HERMAN, D. EVANS, SEMMEL, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, STABACK, SOLOBAY, ROBERTS, PRESTON, PISTELLA, MUNDY, McGEEHAN, MANN, GRUCELA, GABIG, DeLUCA, CRUZ, BISHOP, NAILOR, MELIO, McCALL, LEWIS, GEIST, EACHUS, DALEY, CORRIGAN and BEBKO-JONES

An Act amending the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law, further defining "public record."

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 761 By Representatives TIGUE, SCAVELLO, STABACK, KELLER, WOJNAROSKI, BELFANTI, MELIO, GRUCELA, TANGRETTI, HARHAI, CORRIGAN, McCALL, WALKO, ROBERTS, EACHUS, HORSEY, CURRY and SOLOBAY

An Act providing for fluoridation of public water.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 6, 2003.

No. 762 By Representatives TIGUE, DALLY, STEIL, LEWIS, YOUNGBLOOD, WOJNAROSKI, WANSACZ, WALKO, THOMAS, E. Z. TAYLOR, TANGRETTI, STABACK, SEMMEL, SAINATO, PALLONE, MELIO, KELLER, HARHAI, GOODMAN, CURRY, CAWLEY, BEBKO-JONES, SOLOBAY, SAYLOR, ROBERTS, MUNDY, McCALL, HORSEY, GRUCELA, FRANKEL, CORRIGAN and BELFANTI

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for payment of tax to other political subdivisions or states as credit or deduction.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 763 By Representatives TIGUE, CAWLEY, ARGALL, WOJNAROSKI, WANSACZ, WALKO, VITALI, THOMAS, TANGRETTI, STEIL, SOLOBAY, B. SMITH, SCAVELLO, ROSS, MELIO, MANN, HENNESSEY, GRUCELA, FREEMAN, DALLY, CORRIGAN, BELFANTI, SCRIMENTI, SANTONI, ROBERTS, McCALL, LEACH, HASAY, GORDNER, DeLUCA, COSTA, BUXTON and BEBKO-JONES

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, eliminating the office of Lieutenant Governor from primary elections.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 764 By Representatives McGEEHAN, BARD, BARRAR, BELARDI, BISHOP, BROWNE, CAWLEY, CRUZ, CURRY, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, D. EVANS, FRANKEL, GEORGE, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KENNEY, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, S. MILLER, PISTELLA, PRESTON, READSHAW, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STERN, STURLA, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, WANSACZ and FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for unfair acts.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 765 By Representatives MYERS, THOMAS, GEORGE, ROEBUCK, CAWLEY, JAMES, PRESTON, DALEY, CURRY, J. WILLIAMS, WHEATLEY, LAUGHLIN, CIVERA, JOSEPHS, WATERS, KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON and HORSEY

An Act acknowledging the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865, and in Pennsylvania during a portion of that time; establishing the African-American Reparation Study Commission to examine the institution of slavery, subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans; making recommendations to the General Assembly on appropriate remedies; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2003.

No. 766 By Representatives MYERS, THOMAS, BUXTON, BEBKO-JONES, KIRKLAND, VITALI, CURRY, HORSEY, READSHAW, PISTELLA, JOSEPHS, MANDERINO, SCRIMENTI, WHEATLEY, LEACH, SURRA, WASHINGTON, ROEBUCK, WATERS, BISHOP and JAMES

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a temporary suspension of the death penalty; and establishing a commission on the death penalty.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 767 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, BARD, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CIVERA, COY, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DAILEY, DIVEN, EACHUS, FLEAGLE, FLICK, GEIST, GEORGE, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HORSEY, JAMES, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, MELIO, PETRONE, PRESTON, READSHAW, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STURLA, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO,

WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and ZUG

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 6, 2003.

No. 768 By Representatives BUNT, DAILEY, CLYMER and McILHINNEY

An Act amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.367, No.46), known as the Unused Property Market Act, further providing for short title, for definitions, for certain sales at unused property markets prohibited and for receipts.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 6, 2003.

No. 769 By Representatives BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, DERMODY, HARRIS, LAUGHLIN, LEH, READSHAW, SAINATO, SOLOBAY, T. STEVENSON, YOUNGBLOOD, HORSEY, HARHAI and ALLEN

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

No. 770 By Representatives VANCE, KENNEY, BENNINGHOFF, READSHAW, ALLEN, ARGALL, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARD, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CIVERA, CLYMER, CORNELL, CORRIGAN, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DAILEY, DALEY, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GABIG, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GORDNER, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MACKERETH, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANN, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, MUNDY, NAILOR, NICKOL, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, RAYMOND, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SEMMEL, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, T. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and TURZAI

An Act providing for prescription drug redistribution within health care facilities.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 6, 2003.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 125 By Representatives GEORGE, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BISHOP, CAPPELLI, COY, CRUZ, CURRY, DALLY, DeWEESE, HERMAN, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, MUNDY, READSHAW,

RUBLEY, RUFFING, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, WHEATLEY, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, SAINATO, LEVDANSKY, SATHER, BUNT, HORSEY, WASHINGTON, WALKO, ROBERTS, HARHAI, GEIST, BROWNE and GRUCELA

A Resolution memorializing the President of the United States and Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation to immediately support an emergency supplemental appropriation for heating assistance.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 6, 2003.

No. 127 By Representative LYNCH

A Resolution providing for the establishment of a task force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the economic development potential of the State forestry system.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 6, 2003.

No. 128 By Representatives MYERS, OLIVER, GEORGE, LEDERER, SHANER, LAUGHLIN, DeWEESE, CAPPELLI, SOLOBAY, CORRIGAN, BISHOP, BELARDI, TIGUE, CAWLEY, THOMAS, HERMAN, PIPPY, CREIGHTON, KENNEY, KELLER, KOTIK, BEBKO-JONES, GRUCELA, BUNT, RUBLEY, CURRY, HORSEY, HERSHEY, HARHAI, HESS, READSHAW, SAYLOR, ROBERTS, JAMES, HARPER, STABACK, PISTELLA, PETRARCA, D. EVANS, JOSEPHS, PRESTON, GOODMAN, WHEATLEY, COSTA, BARD, SURRA, DeLUCA, WATERS, HENNESSEY, WANSACZ and FREEMAN

A Resolution directing the Committee on Health and Human Services to investigate and consider the problems associated with the shortage of nurses in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 6, 2003.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 92, PN 91

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

SB 296, PN 311

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2003.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 44, PN 48, and HB 365, PN 429, be removed from the table.

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 44, PN 48; and HB 365, PN 429.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 44, PN 48, and HB 365, PN 429, be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, Mr. Veon, who requests a leave of absence for the day for the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. KIRKLAND, and the gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. CURRY. Without objection, the leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MASTER ROLL CALL CONTINUED

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Schroder
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Semmel
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Smith, B.

Benninghoff	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Geist	McIlhattan	Solobay
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Bishop	Gergely	McNaughton	Stairs
Blaum	Gillespie	Melio	Steil
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Goodman	Miller, R.	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Grucela	Mundy	Sturla
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Surra
Caltagirone	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Cappelli	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Causar	Harhai	Oliver	Thomas
Cawley	Harhart	O'Neill	Tigue
Civera	Harper	Pallone	Travaglio
Clymer	Harris	Payne	True
Cohen	Hasay	Perzel	Turzai
Coleman	Hennessey	Petrarca	Vance
Cornell	Herman	Petri	Veon
Corrigan	Hershey	Petrone	Vitali
Costa	Hess	Phillips	Walko
Coy	Hickernell	Pickett	Wansacz
Crahalla	Horsely	Pistella	Washington
Creighton	Hutchinson	Preston	Waters
Cruz	James	Raymond	Watson
Dailey	Josephs	Readshaw	Weber
Daley	Keller	Reed	Wheatley
Dally	Kenney	Reichley	Williams, J.
DeLuca	Kotik	Rieger	Wilt
Dermody	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright
DiGirolamo	Leach	Rohrer	Yewcic
Diven	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Donatucci	Leh	Ross	Yudichak
Eachus	Lescovitz	Rublely	Zug
Egolf			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McGeehan	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

LEAVES ADDED—1

McIlhinney

LEAVES CANCELED—1

McGeehan

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. PERZEL called up **HR 117, PN 772**, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further providing for the General Appropriation Bill.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

MOTION FOR PREVIOUS QUESTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we are calling up HR 117 to make the necessary changes in order for us to be able to run the Governor's budget today, so in order to be able to have that done as speedily as possible, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, moves the previous question.

The motion to move the previous question requires 20 seconds. Those in favor of the motion will stand; those who are not in favor of the motion will remain seated.

There are 20 seconds required. The Chair will read the 20—

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. VITALI. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, there are amendments attached to this bill, which, as I understand the rules, would take precedence over a motion to move the previous question. Mr. Perzel was incorrectly recognized. It should be the makers of the amendment who have filed against the bill who should have been recognized first.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Vitali, we need to have the seconds first. After we have the seconds, then we have a motion on the floor, and then your motions or request for point of order would be in order to be heard.

Mr. VITALI. Well, actually, I am asking for a ruling. The inquiry is, was Mr. Perzel out of order by making his motion? Should the amendments which were filed against the bill and the makers of those amendments be recognized first?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The answer to your question, Mr. Vitali, is no. If you read Mason's Manual, it clearly indicates that a motion to move the previous question takes precedence.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. RUFFING. Excuse me. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. RUFFING. I see some empty seats here. I see some Republican members sitting down. Who is taking the count, the headcount? I want to know that, and I want to know what members stood up here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We will—

Mr. RUFFING. What I want to know, I want to know if they were voted on the roll call then, if we already took the roll call. There are members here not sitting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The issue before the House is whether there are 20 seconds. The Chair will now examine whether there are 20 seconds, and if there are, then we have a

properly moved and seconded motion, and then we can proceed from that point in time.

The Chair will now read the names into the record of 20 seconds: the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe; the gentleman, Mr. Baldwin; the gentleman, Mr. Cappelli; the gentleman, Mr. Maitland; the lady, Mrs. Taylor; the gentleman, Mr. Phillips; the gentleman, Mr. Argall; the gentleman, Mr. Smith; the gentleman, Mr. Creighton; the gentleman, Mr. Lewis; the gentleman, Mr. Coleman; the gentleman, Mr. Armstrong; the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff; the gentleman, Mr. Allen; the gentleman, Mr. Bunt; the lady, Mrs. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Leh; the gentleman, Mr. Wilt; the gentleman, Mr. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Sather; the gentleman, Mr. McGill. And the record will reflect that there are other seconds standing that have been not recorded in the record.

The motion has been properly moved and seconded.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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

Mr. SAMUELSON. I would like to briefly interrogate the maker of HR 117 about its effect on the budget process.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not in order, Mr. Samuelson. At this point in time, the only issue before the House is voting on the motion for the previous question.

Mr. COY. Mr. Speaker?

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

Mr. COY. I presume the motion is debatable?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Coy, questions whether the motion to move a previous question is debatable. The House rules indicate that it is not; Mason's Manual indicates that it is not, but there is also House precedent which would be to the contrary. I think the most recent precedent that I have seen is in 1991 when the Democrat floor leader, I believe at that time, moved the previous question, and the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, argued that it was not debatable. However, I think that the ruling of Speaker O'Donnell in that case was that a limited debate by the floor leaders would be permissible, and there is further precedent that indicates that that was about 3 minutes in another situation that was before the House.

So the Chair's ruling would be that it would be debatable by floor leaders only, reasonable period of time, and the precedent indicates 3 minutes.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, rise?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to speak on HR 117.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That would be out of order, Mr. Samuelson. The only issue before the House is the actual motion to move the previous question, which is debatable only by floor leaders.

Mr. SAMUELSON. No debate by individual members of this House is permitted except for the two floor leaders? Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the motion to move a previous question, that is correct.

Mr. SAMUELSON. After that motion is considered, will there then be an opportunity to debate and vote on the substance of HR 117?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the motion to move the previous question is successful, then there would not be debate, because that is what the motion to move the previous question does – it cuts off debate.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I object to that process, but I respect the ruling of the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. VITALI. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. VITALI. Now, I am trying to understand the proceedings here. Now, it is my understanding that a motion to move the previous question ends debate and brings the issue to a vote. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. When you have an issue, be it a bill or a resolution, before the House which has amendments filed to it, what we do first is consider each of the amendments and then commence the debate on the bill or resolution. So in this case, it seems to me that we had amendments filed to 117, so Mr. Perzel's motion was to end debate on 117, but since debate had not begun yet, then that would not affect the amendments that were filed here.

So I would ask that the amendments be considered prior to putting into effect the motion with regard to ending the debate on 117. The point is, we have not gotten to the debate yet, so we cannot end it, because the amendments, the amendments which were filed, precede the debate. They must be dealt with before the debate begins.

Mr. Speaker, am I making my point here?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I think I understand your point, Mr. Vitali. Rule 61 of our rules says, "A motion for the previous question may be made to embrace any or all pending amendments or motions and to include the passage or rejection of a bill or resolution." That is the second paragraph of that rule.

Mr. VITALI. May I approach—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Absolutely.

Mr. VITALI. —and perhaps we might discuss this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Please.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. STURLA. Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, I noticed when the seconds were going on for the motion to call the previous question that, as best I could tell, all the members of the Republican Caucus

stood, and I noticed that you only recognized 20 of them and gave credit to 20 of them. I was wondering if it would be possible to give credit to all the members of the Republican Caucus so that they can get the credit that they obviously sought when they stood to call the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

I am not positive all members stood, although there were a large number of members of this body that stood. The precedent that we have on moving the previous question over the last decade, the precedent is that the Speaker would read 20 names; if there were others standing, the Speaker then just generally would state, for the record, there are other members.

So I am following the most recent precedent, which would be by Speaker O'Donnell in 1991.

Mr. STURLA. Okay, because as best I could tell, all the members stood, and I just wanted to make sure they got credit, unless they chose to stand up and claim that they did not seek that credit.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you.

The House will come to order. Members, please take your seats.

The gentleman, Mr. Coy, is recognized.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of many members, hopefully not simply on our side of the aisle but maybe many members in the entire House, to object strenuously, Mr. Speaker, to the procedure of moving the previous question on the debate, on the debate, Mr. Speaker, of probably the most important legislative proposal certainly thus far in this session and maybe throughout this entire year.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we see on highways signs that say "Speed Kills." I am afraid speed is killing our deliberative budget process this year – moving the previous question on simply the procedure of how we are doing this, on the procedure of shutting down all debate, shutting down all amendments, and now we cannot even allow members to discuss moving the previous question.

We have been in session 17 days this far. This budget was only introduced this Monday. The Governor only spoke about it on Tuesday. And here we are, 2 days later, not content simply with running the bill, but we have got to move the previous question; we have got to shut down debate. What did we run for? What did all of us run for office for? This is the important debate on an important question.

Now, we have amendments that have been prepared. They are not going to be heard. We have other suggested rules changes that the gentleman from Delaware County has prepared. They are not going to be heard. What is the rush?

The Appropriations Committee, chaired and dominated by the members on the Republican side, has not even had the first hearing, has not had any hearings. The matter has not been debated, and we are going to move the previous question?

Mr. Speaker, could I have some order, please?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Members, please take your seats. Members in the area of the majority leader's desk, please take your seats. Sergeants at Arms, clear the aisles, please.

The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about exercising the very freedoms that some people are fighting for in the world today – the freedom to debate openly, in an open forum, not simply the substance of the issue but in this case the procedure about how we are going to do it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I wonder what the rush is. I wonder what there is to hide. If we are so proud to vote for a no-tax-increase budget, a budget that cuts services to libraries and schools, that provides no effort for local property tax reform, if we are so anxious to vote for that, then let us talk about it; let us talk about it in an open forum on the floor of the House of Representatives, to which we have been elected.

I strenuously oppose the motion to move the previous question. We are going to be here. At least can we not give it today? Can we not give it this one day of the career to which you have been elected to discuss this important matter? Must we haste to move the previous question immediately? The first vote today?

Mr. Speaker, this is a deliberative body. This motion muzzles deliberation. This motion takes away everyone's opportunity to debate the most important matter that is before us this year.

I urge a negative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Perzel. For the gentleman, Mr. Perzel's information, the gentleman, Mr. Coy, took about 4 minutes.

Mr. PERZEL. Well, Mr. Speaker, I am not going to spend a lot of time debating what we should do with the resolution. Really, we did move the previous question.

But I see that the gentleman did not have any trouble on November 30, 1988, moving the previous question; June 14, 1988, moving the previous question; November 30, 1988, moving the previous question; and about seven other times that we can see, he voted for it, Mr. Speaker.

So you know, although he does not like it, we have got an opportunity to do something historic, to pass our Governor's budget with no tax increase in that budget.

We do not want to be playing parliamentary games. We do not want to do one-upmanship. We want to get this budget before the members of this General Assembly so we can pass this as quickly as possible, and we are waiting for the 25th to have an opportunity to hear part two of what our Governor has to say.

But part one will be done, and we are ready for part two. I would ask the members for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question recurs, will the House agree to the motion to move the previous question? Those in favor—

For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, desire recognition?

Mr. DeWEESE. To speak on the question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman would be out of order. The gentleman, Mr. Coy, spoke for you when you were not on the floor.

Mr. DeWEESE. I would like to request a matter of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A matter of personal privilege is related to something that is personal, not on an issue that is before the House.

Mr. DeWEESE. This is personal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman please come to the podium.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, still desire recognition?

For the information of the House, the ruling of the Chair, based on precedent, was that the floor leaders would have the opportunity for limited debate on the motion to move a previous question. The gentleman, Mr. Coy, spoke for the Democrat floor leader, Mr. DeWeese. However, Mr. DeWeese was detained or delayed by inclement weather. Therefore, in that exceptional and extraordinary circumstance, the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, will be recognized.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you very much for your indulgence, Mr. Speaker. I will make this very brief.

Malcolm Forbes once observed, "There is never enough time, unless you're serving it."

Well, so far, most of us – all of us have not served any time, but there is time, obviously, to allow this process to be considered.

I think this is a moment of substantial chagrin for the majority Appropriations chairman. Here in the premier moments of a historic opportunity to work with the new Governor, the Appropriations chairman and the appropriations mechanisms in the majority are being thwarted and fettered and stymied and arrested by an impetuous perspective on the part of the majority leadership team. Why? Why? I guess because you can.

The soft and sensitive gentleman from Berwick, if he had been on this side of the aisle, would not be, would not be tolerating this kind of helter-skelter, pell-mell parliamentary procedure.

All of you men and women who ran just recently in November and last springtime in the Republican primaries evoked idealism. You talked about history. You talked about this great land of ours and our Keystone State, and you talked about the House chamber and our deliberative process. Notwithstanding the yawn from the gentleman from Carlisle, this is not a deliberative process. This is a runaway train, and everybody knows it. The honorable Governor just gave us a gubernatorial budget pronouncement less than 48 hours ago, and you are going to try to cram it down his throat. He told you that this was a two-part effort, phase one and phase two, and they were intrinsically amalgamated. You cannot have one without the other, according to our Governor.

But you are trying to show that Republican musculature, those sturdy biceps of the majority. You do not give a flying hoot about deliberation and process. It is amazing. Some of those catcalls remind me of why some animals eat their young.

We have got lots of time. When the honorable majority leader was evoking a little bit of history, he indicated that the gentleman from Franklin County had voted on the previous question. I noticed, just promiscuously noticed, that several of those dates were at the end of November and at the end of June. So in a debating society, I could win a debate by

saying that his point is that a previous question would be appropriate potentially after debates were exhausted, at the end of many months of deliberations, at the end of many opportunities for the young chairman of the Appropriations Committee from Schuylkill County to take his membership on the road, to invite people in from around the State and discuss the nuts and bolts of phase one of the budget. But the honorable gentleman, succumbing to the rough handling of his Philadelphia political masters, is not going to allow the appropriations process to go forward.

This is a historic budget year. We have a new Governor who was hurled into office by a substantial majority. Many of you in the Republican suburbs, I believe, will be playing hopscotch with a unicorn, because that big blue bus is going to be strolling, trundling, into your districts.

How about all you men and women who voted previously, haphazardly, on property tax reform and campaigned on it. The gentleman from Cranberry and, as my favorite recollections, those men from Monroe and the mayor from Williamsport, you are not allowing Gov. Edward G. Rendell's property tax reform effort to realize the vitality it could realize if phase one and phase two were incorporated in the budget in just a matter of a couple weeks.

The gentleman, Mr. Hasay, and I have been here for 27 springs and he a few more, and in my 27 springs, 27 budgets, I have never been here on a Thursday in March for a premature vote. This process has not crystallized. The Governor's document was just rendered less than 2 days ago. There has been no public input.

This morning I heard Deb Beck on National Public Radio's Harrisburg edition lamenting the fact that drug and alcohol abuse programs in many cases would be hampered and in some cases extinguished. Obviously, we could go on and on, and we shall have those opportunities. But the women in the Republican Caucus who are interested in domestic violence, the women in the caucus who are primarily focused on a variety of social ills, including rape crisis, you are shackling this process by not allowing Governor Rendell's phase one and phase two to be incorporated.

There is nothing wrong with doing business a little more aggressively and in an accelerated fashion in May or early June. That would be efficient. But as I look at some of those bald heads over there, some of those gray beards over there, I think of a conservative argument for a "no" vote.

The most conservative intellectual appraisal of our dilemma right now would take into effect our revenue yields. I see an accountant from Allegheny County in the back row – that big, tall, strapping young fellow from Allegheny County who has an accounting background. If we have an international conflict in the Persian Gulf within the next few weeks, the economy could be skewed in a terrible fashion. You men and women who are going to try to hurry this process along are going to use revenue estimates in March that are not going to be near as accurate as they would be in April and May and, of course, in June. A conservative point of view would be, wait till those revenue estimates are more certain.

Mr. Hershock, Mr. Bittenbender, a variety of people who have been Budget Secretaries historically, have done their best and done a good job on revenue estimates. You, in your cavalier and surprisingly liberal trend this morning to not take into your views revenue estimates, are hurting our process.

Mr. Speaker, again, thank you for your indulgence because of the inclement weather.

I would like to ask that a motion for the previous question be denied.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this allows us the time to be much more deliberative in our debates as we go forward, looking at prescription drugs, looking at property tax reform, looking at our med mal crisis, and yes, Mr. Speaker, the March 25 address of our Governor, when he comes before us with a new plan for Pennsylvania.

This takes the crisis atmosphere away and allows each member to feel and vote their conscience for each and every one of those issues rather than saying, we will tie it all to one big problem, and cause that one problem, our budget, to be blown up at a time when that is not what we are looking to do.

Each one of these issues by themselves is important for us to look at. We will look at these issues: prescription drugs, property tax reform, med mal, and the 25th of March speech by our new Governor. We will look at all those issues. This takes the crisis situation away.

I am asking for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. STURLA. Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the current rule governing this would require a two-thirds vote of the members in order to suspend the rules and that we are passing a rule that would only require a majority then to suspend the rules. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is not a motion to suspend. This is a motion to move the previous question.

Mr. STURLA. Right. But the effect of that motion would be to allow for the vote on the resolution that would change the two-thirds requirement to a simple majority. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. The two-thirds for a motion to suspend is still in the rules. This is a proposed rule change, not a suspension.

Mr. STURLA. So the resolution would change the rule. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution would not change the two-thirds requirement for suspension. The resolution changes rule 19(b), I believe it is, of the rules of the House, which deals only with appropriations bills.

Mr. STURLA. Well, if I am reading HR 117 correctly, the language that is coming out says, "This rule may be temporarily suspended only by two-thirds vote of the members elected to the House by a roll call vote," and that the effect of this motion would be to change that language to a simple majority.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. This is a change in the rule itself. If the gentleman would look at rule 77, which discusses

changing rules, it says, "...a change, addition, modification or deletion to existing House rules...shall require...a majority vote of the members...." This is a change of the rule.

Mr. STURLA. Well, Mr. Speaker, as I read page 3 of the resolution, lines 21 through 25, the language that is bracketed out says, "This rule may be temporarily suspended only by two-thirds vote of the members elected to the House by a roll call vote. Rule 77 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, insofar as it applies to the temporary suspension of the rules of the House, shall not apply to this rule," and that is the language that is being eliminated.

My parliamentary inquiry is that if there is a rule currently that says you need a two-thirds vote, how can we by a simple majority vote to change the rule that requires a two-thirds vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Rule 77 of the House, which says you may modify, change, add to any rule by a majority vote. This is not a temporary suspension. The proposed resolution is not a temporary suspension; it is a permanent change.

Mr. STURLA. A permanent change to the rules of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Correct.

Mr. STURLA. But that would require a two-thirds votes, if it was a permanent change. Is that what you are saying?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No.

Mr. STURLA. If it was a temporary change?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If it was a suspension of the rules, it would require a two-thirds vote; correct.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, I guess it is a matter of semantics, but the effect of this proposed change is to not require a two-thirds vote for a suspension of the rules today, and that rule was put in there to protect the minority, which is now being taken away by a simple majority, when in fact the majority of the members voted to require the two-thirds vote to protect debate in this House. I guess I am perplexed as to how we can simply say, well, you need a two-thirds vote to temporarily suspend the rule but we will temporarily suspend the rule that requires that so we can go to a majority vote to suspend the rule that requires a two-thirds vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I am confused by that statement also.

Mr. STURLA. Well, believe me, I am confused by this resolution, and that is why I am trying to get some clarity on it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The clarity is this: A suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds vote. A suspension only occurs for that vote. You are suspending, then you vote, and then that rule is still in effect. You have just suspended it temporarily. The proposed resolution is a permanent change to the House rules.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. But that permanent change, if the simple majority wants to come back and permanently change this 5 minutes later back to the two-thirds, you are saying they can, so the effect is that there is no such thing as a permanent change; it is a permanent change on a temporary basis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Theoretically, any member of this House could come back and introduce a resolution to revert – not to revert but to change this rule again with language that is there now, as they could with any other rule.

Mr. STURLA. And so then it would not be a permanent change; it would be a temporary change.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We can go round and round and round, but the point is, it is not a suspension; it is a permanent change. Could any of these rules be changed appropriately through resolutions and then a week later the House decide to change them back? Yes, by majority vote.

Mr. STURLA. So essentially what you are saying is, the two-thirds requirement is a bogus requirement, because at any point in time, a simple majority can change that rule of the two-thirds requirement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No.

Mr. STURLA. Then how can we do it with a simple majority vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Sturla, I have explained it to you. It is not a suspension; it is a rule change that requires a majority vote.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For a parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, is it possible that I can have some remarks made and submitted to the record in reference to this resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. The Chair will keep the record open so the members can submit written remarks.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

I am against this proposed budget for a number of reasons, the foremost of which is because the budget process has been shanghai'd. This forced vote prevents us and our constituents from exercising our basic constitutional rights.

The State budget is the most important piece of legislation that we vote on each year. It affects every single resident of Pennsylvania, yet the Republicans are not letting us be involved in the process.

How can I represent my constituents on this issue when they are not allowed to be involved? This process denies all Pennsylvanians from having a say as to how their money is being spent. This is unconscionable.

The Governor said his budget proposal was incomplete and that he would offer further proposals to enhance the Commonwealth's future in a few weeks. I, for one, would like to see all of the Governor's ideas and solicit comments from the public before enacting a budget. That is why I am supporting our Governor by opposing this action.

Thank you.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the lady, Ms. Manderino, rise?

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady will state her inquiry.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Could you tell me what question was on the board when the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, moved the previous question?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. HR 117.

Ms. MANDERINO. Would it be appropriate to ask the recorder to read back the actual, from the Journal of the House, how that was put before the House and what was actually on the board and in order at the time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I am not clear on the lady's request.

Ms. MANDERINO. It is my belief, Mr. Speaker, that there was no question pending in front of the House at the time the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, moved the previous question. In order to show that there was no question pending before the House before he moved the question and therefore the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, was properly in order, I would like to go back to the actual Journal and have read back to the House what had happened.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the lady come to the podium.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question recurs, will the House adopt the motion to move the previous question?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. McGeehan, will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 117 CONTINUED

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

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Bastian	Gannon	McIlhattan	Semmel
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Belfanti	Freeman	Markosek	Solobay
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Bishop	Gergely	McGeehan	Stetler
Blaum	Goodman	Melio	Sturla
Butkovitz	Grucela	Mundy	Surra
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Haluska	Oliver	Thomas
Casorio	Hanna	Pallone	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Petrarca	Travaglio
Cohen	Horsey	Petrone	Veon
Corrigan	James	Pistella	Vitali
Costa	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Coy	Keller	Readshaw	Wansacz
Cruz	Kotik	Roberts	Washington
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NOT VOTING—3

Donatucci	Rieger	Youngblood
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Kirkland		

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

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

POINT OF ORDER

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

Mr. VITALI. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

I understand that the motion for the previous question applied to the question of HR 117, but as the majority leader clearly did not extend that, as his option was, to the amendments, the previous question has not been applied to the five amendments that deal with lobbying, public service announcements, scope of debate, reading the title of the bill, notice of committee meetings, so these are items still on the floor for debate. So, Mr. Speaker, considering the resolution now is out of order, and I would ask that the amendments now be considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The issue before the House is the adoption of HR 117. As I have indicated to the gentleman in his prior dialogue and when the gentleman was up here at the podium and we went over the rules, your understanding is incorrect. The motion to move the previous question takes precedence over all other amendments, other motions, except for a limited few, and that now those amendments will not be heard and the only vote is on HR 117.

RULING OF CHAIR APPEALED

Mr. VITALI. I appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, appeals the ruling of the Chair. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, appeals the ruling of the Chair that the question before the House is the adoption of HR 117.

On the question,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When an appeal is taken, the Speaker should clearly state the question, which has been stated.

For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. VITALI. It is my understanding that this is a debatable motion, according to Mason's Manual.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Excuse me. Does the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, desire recognition?

Mr. VITALI. I thought I was recognized.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is now recognized.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, according to rule 61 – and the rule on its face is clear – with regard to the motion for a previous question, it “...may” – and I emphasize the word “may” – “be made to embrace any or all pending amendments....” It does not say “shall,” and in this case, if we review the record, the majority leader did not say the word “amendment” in his argument, and I think if there is a dispute as to that point, we can simply look at the record. So what we have is a motion for the previous question simply for HR 117.

As I had mentioned previously, I have five legitimately filed, timely filed amendments – one that deals with reenacting lobbying legislation for the House, one that deals with prohibiting House moneys from being used for public service announcements, one that deals with having the title of a bill read prior to voting, scope of the debate on concurrence, and notice of committee meetings. These are all very legitimate issues, all that deserve the consideration of the House, and I think, my suspicion is that House members are just itching to deal with these issues, because they can greatly improve the quality of the conduct of business in the House.

So I would appeal the ruling of the Speaker and ask for a— Now, are we asking for a “no” vote to appeal the ruling?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If you oppose the ruling of the Chair, you would ask for a “no” vote; that is correct.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

So I would ask for a “no” vote in this circumstance so we can debate the issues of lobbying, public service announcements, and debate on the House floor.

I ask for a “no” vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you very much.

I concur with the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali, that when the majority leader made the parliamentary move to ask for the previous question to be invoked, it did not include the subsequent amendments, and I think every man and woman on this floor thinks the same thing. If the punctilious exactitude of our parliamentary procedure is to be adhered to, the gentleman should be allowed and we all should be allowed as a chamber to debate these vital measures.

This is March. We are well paid. We have solid per diems and expenses. We have dithered for weeks and weeks, and we all know that. Some of you hardscrabble, barebones Republicans from the hills of our rural counties, I do not see how you can shave in the morning after those campaign speeches you make about the efficiencies in government. Funeral directors and township supervisors and small businessmen right out of Babbitt, right out of Main Street, and here you are frittering away weeks and weeks and weeks, and now we have a chance to debate vital issues consentaneous with our State budget passage.

The gentleman is appealing the ruling of the Chair. You have already won the big fight. Let us debate some amendments. You have the votes.

When Muhammad Ali retired, he said, “I just got tired of beating up on people.” You folks do not ever seem to get tired of beating up on the body politic.

The citizens of our State deserve for this chamber, the people's House, to deliberate. It is snowing; it is inclement. We are here cosseted in this sacred hall. To study some amendments, the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is asking that we appeal the ruling of the Chair so that we can discuss some amendments. It is not even high noon. It is only late middle week.

I cannot believe, I cannot believe the dripping volumes of hypocrisy that slurps from your mouth every time you go out to the township shed and talk about efficiencies in government and you are going to come up here and collect your per diem day after day after day and not debate the most vital elements of our State budget dialogue.

Mr. Speaker, I also appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I raise a point of parliamentary inquiry, and I ask that the Parliamentarian advise the body that there is a time-honored point of order called objection to consideration, and I would like to ask the Parliamentarian to answer, does Mason's provide

objection to consideration of a motion, and rule in that regard, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley, the Parliamentarian does not stand for interrogation.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, then I ask the Chair if such a point of order is available to the members of this General Assembly.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Right now the only thing in order is the appeal of the ruling of the Chair.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DALEY. Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. That has precedent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. What has precedent, Mr. Daley?

Mr. DALEY. My parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. State your parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. DALEY. My parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, is, I am asking the Speaker if the time-honored procedure objection to consideration is available to members of this General Assembly, that they can raise a question of objection to consideration. The Parliamentarian knows what I am talking about, Mr. Speaker. Maybe the Speaker does not, but I am asking a ruling from the Speaker regarding this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the gentleman share with us a citation to your precedent and the section of the manual, please.

Mr. DALEY. Well, Mr. Speaker, that is why I am raising the question. I am asking the Parliamentarian if such a point is available to us under Mason's. He is here to provide that inquiry, that question, Mr. Speaker. I am just asking for an answer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I understand that, Mr. Daley.

Will Mr. Daley please come to the podium?

Mr. DALEY. Yes, absolutely.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

On the question recurring,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Curry	Pippy	Ryan,
Kirkland		Speaker

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the decision of the Chair stood as the judgment of the House.

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

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

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to chapter 29 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, I raise the objection to consideration of this motion currently before the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution, which is before the House, based on the adoption of the House of a motion to move the previous question.

Mr. DALEY. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct. Based on rule—

Mr. DALEY. And I am placing a motion before the House objecting to consideration of HR 117.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. According to rule 61 of our rules, Mr. Daley, a motion to move the previous question,

which has been adopted, "...shall put an end to all debate and bring the House to an immediate vote on the question then pending...." So your motion would be out of order.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes.

Mr. DALEY. Is that based upon your reading of chapter 29? Section 293 and section 294 of Mason's Manual, according to our rules, holds precedent over the House rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. That is based on my reading of rule 61 of the House and on rule 78 of the House, which does not indicate, contrary to the gentleman's understanding, that Mason's takes precedence over the rules. The rules take precedence.

Mr. DALEY. And your decision is what, Mr. Speaker? That this is not in order because?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. My ruling is that House rule 61 requires an immediate vote on the resolution.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, under Mason's Manual, section 294, it says, "To What Can Objection to Consideration Be Made...Objection may be made only to the consideration of main motions," of which, Mr. Speaker, is HR 117.

Five minutes ago I think the Speaker and the Parliamentarian were raising some issue as they were not aware of this particular procedure that is available to the House, and now I am pointing out to you that it is. And I am asking, Mr. Speaker, that my motion for the objection to consideration of HR 117 be immediately considered pursuant to Mason's Manual.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. And the Chair's ruling is that under rule 61, the only issue before the House is the immediate consideration of HR 117.

RULING OF CHAIR APPEALED

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to overrule the decision of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair's ruling is that House rule 61 requires an immediate vote on the pending resolution, which is, in this case, HR 117.

On the question,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the decision of the Chair stood as the judgment of the House.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, those in favor of the resolution will vote "aye"; those opposed, "nay." Members will proceed—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

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

Mr. DeWEESE. I believe some of my members are approaching the microphone, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, desire recognition again?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair apologizes to the gentleman. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. SAMUELSON. The voting board lists final passage of HR 117. I rise to speak on HR 117.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion to move the previous question was adopted by the House. So it is not debatable.

Mr. SAMUELSON. We have already voted on that motion and now there is a new motion on the board, which is final passage. We are not allowed to debate HR 117?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is what a motion to move the previous question does – cuts off debate.

Mr. SAMUELSON. You are not allowing any debate on HR 117 by members of this House. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, that is incorrect. The House is not allowing debate on the motion by the adoption of the motion to move the previous question.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. DALEY. Point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. DALEY. Would the Speaker consider the last gentleman rising to the floor as intervening business since the last consideration of the motion to appeal the decision of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One moment, please.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to renew my motion to object to the consideration of HR 117 pursuant to rule 55, “Privileged Motions,” of the House of Representatives.

Under our rules, Mr. Speaker, I think your last interpretation was a motion for the previous question has precedence over an objection to consideration, and, Mr. Speaker, I submit to you and the General Assembly there are three other motions that have precedence under “Privileged Motions,” that being to adjourn, a call of the House, and to lay on the table. Mr. Speaker, if you read chapter 29, “Objection to the Consideration...,” for all intents and purposes, this is placing this matter off the calendar and placing it on the table, and I ask for that motion for objection to consideration again, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. However, the Chair already ruled on that motion; you appealed, and the House sustained the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, there has been intervening business.

I again place this motion before the House, based upon the information that I am providing to the House and the Speaker, that your determination, and I am asking the Parliamentarian and the Speaker to review this issue, revisit this issue, because under House rule 55, a motion for consideration is like placing this on the table, and it does not have to be considered a secondary motion to a motion for immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House entertained your motion. You appealed the ruling of the Chair, and the House sustained the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. DALEY. One second, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move to table HR 117 until Monday, March 10, 2004. I know – 2003, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley, was that March 10, 2004?

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I misspoke. That is 2003, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. March 10.

Mr. DALEY. Whatever the next session day would be, and I think it is next Monday. Unfortunately, I do not have my calendar in front of me, and I was just going with the good humor of the members telling me what date, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley, moves that HR 117 be tabled until Monday, March 10, 2003.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion to table is debatable by floor leaders only.

Does Mr. DeWeese desire recognition? The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As again I am given the opportunity to share a few observations about the speed of this process, the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Daley’s motion to table seems very appropriate.

When Matthew Ryan was sworn in as our Speaker, he once again pointed to some of the illustrious paintings and gilding and statuary and talked about this hall. The painting on the far left of the Speaker is evocative, I believe, of the Declaration. It could be metaphorically adapted today to be September of 1787 when our Constitution was sanctified.

The constitutional undergirding of our system allowed Mr. Daley, with his parliamentary adroitness, to ask for a motion to table.

Governor Rendell asked that we have 3 weeks to discuss phase one and phase two of his budget and the amalgamation of phase one and phase two together. The hard hand of the Republican leadership today is thwarting our Governor’s modest request.

If the honorable majority leader from Philadelphia, the able and talented, steadfast Republican leader from Philadelphia, had been in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787, the Perzel plan might have been rushed to judgment in 3 days rather than allowing the deliberation of several months. There would never have been a Virginia plan, a New Jersey plan, a miracle at Philadelphia. This is premature. There is no reason why we have to do this budget work today before Mr. Argall’s Appropriations Committee has gathered and met and deliberated and discussed.

Now, Mr. Daley’s request to table is only asking until Monday. How about the fourth estate? How about the news media? How about Baer and Bull and Raffaele, et al? How about all of the writers in the newsroom that would like to share the dynamics and the challenges of Pennsylvania’s budget with their readership? Why this pell-mell pace? Mr. Daley only asks that we slow this pony down, that we do not come to this debate

until after the weekend when we have been back home to our counties and to our cities and towns and townships and boroughs.

The gentleman's request to table is not extraordinary. It is appropriate, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am just going to ask the members to please vote "no" on the motion to table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question before the House is, should HR 117 be tabled until Monday, March 10, 2003?

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—90

Bebko-Jones	Evans, D.	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Fabrizio	Markosek	Solobay
Belfanti	Frankel	McCall	Staback
Biancucci	Freeman	Melio	Stetler
Bishop	George	Mundy	Sturla
Blaum	Gergely	Myers	Surra
Butkovitz	Goodman	Oliver	Tangretti
Buxton	Grucela	Pallone	Thomas
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Petrarca	Tigue
Casorio	Haluska	Petrone	Travaglio
Cawley	Hanna	Pistella	Veon
Cohen	Harhai	Preston	Vitali
Corrigan	Horse	Readshaw	Walko
Costa	James	Rieger	Wansacz
Coy	Josephs	Roberts	Washington
Cruz	Keller	Roebuck	Waters
Daley	Kotik	Rooney	Wheatley
DeLuca	LaGrotta	Ruffing	Williams, J.
Dermody	Laughlin	Sainato	Wojnarowski
DeWeese	Leach	Samuelson	Yewcic
Diven	Lederer	Santoni	Youngblood
Donatucci	Levdansky	Scrimenti	Yudichak
Eachus	Manderino		

NAYS—105

Adolph	Evans, J.	Leh	Reichley
Allen	Fairchild	Lewis	Rohrer
Argall	Feese	Lynch	Ross
Armstrong	Fichter	Mackereth	Rubley
Baker	Fleagle	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Flick	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Forcier	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Gabig	Marsico	Schroder
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Birmelin	Gillespie	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stairs
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Steil
Browne	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
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Cornell	Herman	Perzel	Vance
Crahalla	Hershey	Petri	Watson
Creighton	Hess	Phillips	Weber
Dailey	Hickernell	Pickett	Wilt

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DiGirolamo	Kenney	Reed	Zug
Egolf			

NOT VOTING—3

Lescovitz	McGeehan	McIlhinney
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EXCUSED—4

Curry	Pippy	Ryan,
Kirkland		Speaker

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?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—105

Adolph	Evans, J.	Leh	Reichley
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EXCUSED—4

Curry	Pippy	Ryan,
Kirkland		Speaker

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 648, PN 730**, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and for the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the establishment of restricted receipt accounts for the fiscal year July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

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

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its announcement that the bill has been agreed to for the third time.

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

Mr. **ARGALL** offered the following amendment No. **A0114**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 27, by removing the period after “2003” and inserting
; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002; and making a repeal.

Amend Table of Contents, page 3, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting
Section 238. State Employees’ Retirement System.

Amend Table of Contents, page 6, line 3, by striking out all of said line

Amend Table of Contents, page 6, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

PART XVIII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

SUBPART A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1801. State appropriations from General Fund.

Section 1802. Federal augmentation appropriations.

SUBPART B. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Section 1811. Executive Offices.

Section 1812. Department of Aging.

Section 1813. Department of Corrections.

Section 1814. Department of Education.

Section 1815. Department of Health.

Section 1816. Department of Public Welfare.

Section 1817. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

SUBPART C. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
FOR 2002-2003

Section 1891. Prior laws unaffected.

Section 1892. Compliance with other law before funds available.

Section 1893. Contracts prerequisite to encumbering or committing funds.

Section 1894. Minority business set-asides.

Section 1895. Appropriation of funds from miscellaneous sources.

Section 1896. Lapsing of unused funds.

Section 1897. Construction with prior appropriation acts.

Section 1898. Deduction of expended appropriations under prior law.

Amend Table of Contents, page 7, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

Section 2010. Repeal.

Amend Sec. 102, page 7, by inserting between lines 25 and 26
“Estimated ending unreserved fund balance.” For purposes of section 212 only, funds categorized as undesignated and unreserved as defined by the Department of Education as of the effective date of this section, held in the general fund accounts of a school district and projected for the close of the school year for which a school district’s budget was adopted.

Amend Bill, pages 20 through 212, lines 1 through 30; page 213, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

SUBPART A
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Section 201. Governor.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Governor:

Federal State

For the Office of the Governor:
including the maintenance of the

<p>Governor’s Home, the expense of entertainment of official guests and members of the General Assembly and the Judiciary, participation in the Governor’s Conference, the expenses of the Executive Board and the payment of traveling expenses of persons other than employees of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor to represent or otherwise serve the Commonwealth.</p> <p>State appropriation 7,619,000</p> <p>Section 202. 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(5) "Juvenile Justice - Title V." Federal appropriation	4,000,000	For the Weed and Seed program. State appropriation	3,390,000
(6) "Juvenile Justice - Title V - Administration." Federal appropriation	70,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Weed and Seed program:	
(7) "Statistical Analysis Center." Federal appropriation	150,000	(1) "TANFBG - Weed and Seed." Federal appropriation	2,000,000
(8) "National Criminal History Improvement Program." Federal appropriation	5,800,000	For the State match requirement for the DCSI Federal funds. This appropriation may be distributed upon approval of the Secretary of the Budget to other State agencies receiving DCSI funds to provide the State match. The Secretary of the Budget shall provide, ten days prior to any distribution to other agencies, notice of any such distributions to the chairman and the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.	
(9) "Crime Victims' Compensation Services." Federal appropriation	4,000,000	State appropriation	935,000
(10) "Crime Victim Assistance." Federal appropriation	18,000,000	For payments for grants-in-aid to counties for providing intermediate punishment programs. These funds shall be distributed to the various counties based on the following formula: 50% shall be based on the proportion of offenders diverted from the county prison system to county intermediate punishment programs and 50% shall be based on the proportion of offenders diverted from the State correctional system to the county prison system.	
(11) "Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program." Federal appropriation	6,500,000	State appropriation	3,180,000
(12) "Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program - Administration." Federal appropriation	290,000	For intermediate punishment grants for drug and alcohol treatment.	
(13) "Juvenile Justice State Challenge Grants." Federal appropriation	600,000	State appropriation	7,754,000
(14) "Local Law Enforcement Block Grant." Federal appropriation	4,381,000	For Drug Education and Law Enforcement.	
(15) "Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grants." Federal appropriation	25,000,000	State appropriation	3,101,000
(16) "Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program." Federal appropriation	3,000,000	For Research-Based Violence Prevention Programs.	
(17) "DFSC - Special Program." Federal appropriation	5,200,000	State appropriation	5,965,000
(18) "Crime Victims Assistance (VOCA) - Administration/Operations." Federal appropriation	600,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Research-Based Violence Prevention Programs:	
(19) "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Program." Federal appropriation	16,500,000	(1) "TANFBG - Nurse Home Visitation." Federal appropriation	5,100,000
(20) "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Program - Administration." Federal appropriation	400,000	For payments of grants to political subdivisions to assist in the improvement of juvenile probation services.	
(21) "Combat Underage Drinking Program." Federal appropriation	450,000	State appropriation	5,918,000
(22) "Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization." Federal appropriation	415,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for juvenile probation services:	
(23) "Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking." Federal appropriation	400,000	(1) "TANFBG - Juvenile Probation Emergency Services." Federal appropriation	2,000,000
(24) "Victim Assistance Training Academy." Federal appropriation	1,200,000	For specialized probation services, including school-based, community-based, intensive supervision and aftercare	
(25) "Juvenile Justice Training Academy." Federal appropriation	4,500,000		
(26) "Safe Neighborhoods." Federal appropriation	1,000,000		
For the Partnership for Safe Children Program. State appropriation	6,003,000		
For Victims of Juvenile Crime. State appropriation	3,647,000		

services pursuant to standards adopted by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

State appropriation 15,326,000

For grants to the arts.

State appropriation 14,000,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for grants to the arts:

(1) "National Endowment for the Arts - Basic State Grant."

Federal appropriation 750,000

Section 203. Lieutenant Governor.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Lieutenant Governor:

For the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, including payment of expenses of the residence at the Edward Martin Military Reservation.

State appropriation 751,000

For the Board of Pardons.

State appropriation 361,000

Section 204. Attorney General.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Attorney General:

For general government operations of the Office of Attorney General.

State appropriation 37,796,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) "State Medicaid Fraud Control Units."

Federal appropriation 3,463,000

(2) "Middle Atlantic - Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network."

Federal appropriation 6,427,000

(3) "Gun Violence Prosecution."

Federal appropriation 40,000

For computer enhancements.

State appropriation 1,000,000

For drug law enforcement.

State appropriation 22,334,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for drug law enforcement:

(1) "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas."

Federal appropriation 3,151,000

For local drug task forces.

State appropriation 8,788,000

For a drug strike task force.

State appropriation 1,700,000

For a capital appeals case unit.

State appropriation 612,000

For charitable nonprofit conversions.

State appropriation 949,000

For tobacco law enforcement.

State appropriation 513,000

For trials resulting from indictments by multicounty grand juries.

State appropriation 150,000

Section 205. Auditor General.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Auditor General:

	Federal	State
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For the Department of the Auditor General for postauditing, annually, periodically or specially, the affairs of any department, board or commission which is supported out of the General Fund, district justices, other fining offices, Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Funds and the offices of Statewide elected officials and for the proper auditing of appropriations for or relating to public assistance, including any Federal sums supplementing such appropriations. Funds provided to the Department of the Auditor General shall be for the purpose of performing postaudits in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

State appropriation 45,351,000

For the Board of Claims.

State appropriation 1,879,000

For transfer to the Supplemental State Assistance Fund for Municipal Pension System State Aid.

State appropriation 330,000

Section 206. Treasury Department.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Treasury Department:

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For general government operations of the Treasury Department.

State appropriation 23,475,000

For the computer integration program.

State appropriation 1,498,000

For administration of Article XIII.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code.

State appropriation 12,750,000

For the Board of Finance and Revenue.

State appropriation 2,385,000

For advertising and promotional activities related to the tuition account program.

State appropriation 1,000,000

For the payment of the Commonwealth's portion of the expenses of various councils, commissions, conferences, boards, associations, coalitions and institutes which are multistate organizations of which the Commonwealth has been a member for at least one year and which membership enables the Commonwealth government to represent the citizens of Pennsylvania, such organizations being designed to promote or protect the member states' interests, or which promote governmental financial excellence or accountability. Any such payment shall be made on requisition of the Governor on behalf of the organization which shall file an accounting of expenses with the Auditor General.

State appropriation	933,000	(1) "Memory Loss Screening."	
For publishing statements of the General Fund and other funds of the Commonwealth.		Federal appropriation	350,000
State appropriation	25,000	Section 208. Department of Agriculture.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture:	
For payment of law enforcement officers' and emergency response personnel death benefits.			Federal State
State appropriation	739,000	For general government operations of the Department of Agriculture.	
For compensation of the Commonwealth's Loan and Transfer Agent for services and expenses in connection with the registration, transfer and payment of interest on bonds of the Commonwealth and other services required to be performed by the Loan and Transfer Agent.		State appropriation	30,588,000
State appropriation	75,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:	
For general obligation debt service or to pay all arbitrage rebates to the Federal Government required under section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 148).		(1) "Pennsylvania Plant Pest Detection System."	
State appropriation	668,977,000	Federal appropriation	700,000
Section 207. Department of Aging.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Aging:		(2) "Poultry Grading Service."	59,000
	Federal State	(3) "Medicated Feed Mill Inspection."	
For general government operations of the Department of Aging.		Federal appropriation	27,000
State appropriation	16,071,000	(4) "National School Lunch Administration."	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:		Federal appropriation	325,000
(1) "Programs for the Aging - Title III - Administration."		(5) "Emergency Food Assistance."	
Federal appropriation	1,817,000	Federal appropriation	3,000,000
(2) "Programs for the Aging - Title V - Administration."		In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for emergency food assistance are hereby appropriated to such program.	
Federal appropriation	173,000	(6) "Pesticide Enforcement, Certification, Training and Control Program."	
(3) "Medical Assistance - Administration."		Federal appropriation	767,000
Federal appropriation	824,000	(7) "Agricultural Risk Protection."	
For family caregiver support.		Federal appropriation	425,000
State appropriation	11,461,000	(8) "Commodity Supplemental Food."	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for family caregiver support:		Federal appropriation	400,000
(1) "Programs for the Aging - Title III - Family Caregiver."		In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for commodity supplemental food are hereby appropriated to such program.	
Federal appropriation	10,000,000	(9) "Organic Cost Distribution."	
For preadmission assessment.		Federal appropriation	500,000
State appropriation	5,871,000	(10) "Animal Disease Control."	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for preadmission assessment:		Federal appropriation	314,000
(1) "Medical Assistance - Preadmission Assessment."		(11) "Food Establishment Inspections."	
Federal appropriation	9,678,000	Federal appropriation	100,000
For Alzheimer's outreach.		(12) "Food Safety Inspection Service."	
State appropriation	145,000	Federal appropriation	35,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Alzheimer's outreach:		For Farmers' Market Food Coupons, including no less than \$500,000 for a senior citizens program.	
		State appropriation	1,397,000
		The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Farmer's Market Food Coupons:	
		(1) "Farmer's Market Food Coupons."	
		Federal appropriation	2,511,000

In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for farmers' market food coupons are hereby appropriated to such program.

(2) "Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition."

Federal appropriation 2,500,000
 For the administration of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

State appropriation 583,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for administration of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program:

(1) "Farmland Protection."
 Federal appropriation 6,000,000

For agricultural research.
 State appropriation 3,363,000

For agricultural promotion, education and exports.
 State appropriation 1,186,000

For hardwoods research and promotion.
 State appropriation 728,000

For a farm safety program.
 State appropriation 111,000

For the administration of the Nutrient Management Program.
 State appropriation 288,000

For the Animal Health Commission.
 State appropriation 4,250,000

For animal indemnities payments to farmers for animals destroyed in disease eradication programs.
 State appropriation 50,000

For payment into the State Farm Products Show Fund. As a condition for the use of these funds, no expenditures may be made from this appropriation or from the State Farm Products Show Fund for any activities associated with the Pennsylvania Agricultural Foods Exposition (PAFE) unless such activities take place on the premises of the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
 State appropriation 1,000,000

For payments to county fairs.
 State appropriation 3,400,000

For development and operation of an open livestock show, including cattle, swine, sheep and horses.
 State appropriation 225,000

For planning and staging of an open dairy show.
 State appropriation 225,000

For promotion and holding of annual local, regional and State 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America dairy shows.
 State appropriation 50,000

The department may make allocations of the above three appropriations, as it deems appropriate,

to an association whose purposes are in accord with the purposes and intent of the appropriations, the funds so allocated to be used for the development and operation of Livestock, Dairy and Junior Dairy Shows in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex: Provided, That the funds allocated by the department shall only be used for the specific items approved by the department in advance.

For planning and staging ten annual 4-H Club horse and pony shows and one Statewide show to be held in the fall as preliminary to the Keystone International Livestock Show.

State appropriation 55,000

For grants to counties for the purchase of food to be provided to needy persons in this Commonwealth. This amount includes up to \$1,000,000 for the emergency food assistance development program and up to \$1,000,000 for the cost of distributing bonus TEFAP commodities to counties.

State appropriation 16,450,000

For product promotion and marketing.
 State appropriation 850,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for product promotion and marketing:

(1) "Market Improvement."
 Federal appropriation 150,000

For programs to encourage development of future farmers.
 State appropriation 104,000

For agriculture and rural youth programs.
 State appropriation 110,000

For payment into the Nutrient Management Fund.
 State appropriation 3,280,000

For payment to conservation districts.
 State appropriation 1,210,000

For a crop insurance program to be administered consistent with the provisions of the act of December 13, 1999 (P.L.905, No.57), known as the Drought, Orchard and Nursery Indemnity and Flood Relief Act.
 State appropriation 1,000,000

For fruit tree indemnity payments relating to Plum Pox Virus and costs related to disease eradication and other prevention and control measures.
 State appropriation 212,000

Section 209. Department of Community and Economic Development.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Community and Economic Development:

Federal State

For general government operations of the Department of Community and Economic Development.
 State appropriation 16,727,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) "ARC - State Technical Assistance."	Federal appropriation	250,000
(2) "DOE Weatherization - Administration."	Federal appropriation	500,000
(3) "SCDBG - Administration."	Federal appropriation	1,300,000
(4) "CSBG - Administration."	Federal appropriation	1,370,000
(5) "LIHEABG - Administration."	Federal appropriation	500,000
(6) "ARC - Regional Initiative."	Federal appropriation	300,000
For the purpose of increasing international trade.	State appropriation	6,000,000
For interactive marketing.	State appropriation	2,400,000
For the purpose of marketing to attract tourists to this Commonwealth.	State appropriation	11,447,000
For the purpose of marketing to attract business to this Commonwealth.	State appropriation	2,900,000
For regional marketing partnerships.	State appropriation	5,000,000
For the Brain Gain program to retain and attract young people to Pennsylvania.	State appropriation	1,000,000
For the purpose of marketing to attract film business to this Commonwealth.	State appropriation	400,000
For Team Pennsylvania.	State appropriation	4,000,000
For Pennports.	State appropriation	11,000,000
For land use planning.	State appropriation	3,500,000
For the prevention of military base realignment and closure.	State appropriation	98,000
For transfer to the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund.	State appropriation	53,500,000
For the Opportunity Grant Program. For amounts exceeding the amount appropriated in section 209 of the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002, such amount may not be encumbered or expended until the Department of Community and Economic Development promulgates regulations establishing eligibility criteria and accountability measures for the amounts in excess of the aforementioned fiscal year 2002-2003 appropriation.	State appropriation	50,000,000

For customized job training programs.	State appropriation	32,500,000
For workforce leadership grants.	State appropriation	5,000,000
For infrastructure development.	State appropriation	25,000,000
For the CyberStart Program.	State appropriation	1,000,000
For grants for housing and redevelopment assistance as authorized by the act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633, No.493), known as the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law. No more than 20% of the amount herein appropriated shall be allocated or granted to any one political subdivision.	State appropriation	25,000,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for housing and redevelopment:		
(1) "DOE Weatherization."	Federal appropriation	17,600,000
(2) "Emergency Shelter for the Homeless."	Federal appropriation	75,000
(3) "LIHEABG - Weatherization Program."	Federal appropriation	22,700,000
(4) "TANFBG - Housing Assistance."	Federal appropriation	5,000,000
(5) "SCDBG - HUD Disaster Recovery."	Federal appropriation	2,000,000
For family savings accounts.	State appropriation	826,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for family savings banks:		
(1) "Assets for Independence."	Federal appropriation	1,800,000
(2) "TANFBG - Family Savings Account."	Federal appropriation	2,000,000
For shared municipal services.	State appropriation	900,000
For the New Communities Program.	State appropriation	15,000,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the New Communities Program.		
(1) "Enterprise Communities - SSBG."	Federal appropriation	32,000,000
For the payment of the Commonwealth's share of the costs of the operation of the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Office of the Appalachian States' regional representative.	State appropriation	900,000
For payment of grants to recognized industrial development agencies to assist such agencies in the		

<p>financing of their operational costs for the purposes of making studies, surveys and investigations, the compilation of data and statistics and in the carrying out of planning and promotional programs.</p> <p>State appropriation 3,500,000</p> <p>For payment of grants to Appalachian local development districts.</p> <p>State appropriation 4,500,000</p> <p>For small business development centers.</p> <p>State appropriation 6,400,000</p> <p>For tourist promotion assistance.</p> <p>State appropriation 11,000,000</p> <p>For rural leadership training program.</p> <p>State appropriation 200,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated for flood plain management:</p> <p>(1) "FEMA Technical Assistance." Federal appropriation 120,000</p> <p>(2) "FEMA - Mapping." Federal appropriation 70,000</p> <p>For community conservation and employment.</p> <p>State appropriation 6,000,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for community conservation and employment:</p> <p>(1) "CSBG - Program." In addition, new focus may be placed on the unemployed, both old and new. Local agencies may lower their eligibility requirements for recipients to three months to allow greater flexibility to assure proper consideration of each recipient.</p> <p>Federal appropriation 28,000,000</p> <p>(2) "TANFBG - Child Care Challenge Grants." Federal appropriation 10,000,000</p> <p>For a super computer center.</p> <p>State appropriation 1,500,000</p> <p>For the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Assistance Program.</p> <p>State appropriation 2,500,000</p> <p>For tourist product development.</p> <p>State appropriation 2,500,000</p> <p>For industrial resource centers.</p> <p>State appropriation 10,200,000</p> <p>For powdered metals.</p> <p>State appropriation 200,000</p> <p>Section 210. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For general government operations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.</p> <p>State appropriation 18,914,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:</p>	<p>(1) "Surface Mining Control and Reclamation." Federal appropriation 180,000</p> <p>(2) "Topographic and Geologic Survey Grants." Federal appropriation 175,000</p> <p>(3) "Bituminous Coal Resources." Federal appropriation 150,000</p> <p>(4) "Intermodal Surface Transportation Act." Federal appropriation 5,000,000</p> <p>(5) "Land and Water Conservation Fund." In addition to these funds, any contingency funds made available to the Commonwealth under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Act are hereby appropriated.</p> <p>Federal appropriation 5,000,000</p> <p>(6) "Economic Action Program." Federal appropriation 100,000</p> <p>For State parks operations.</p> <p>State appropriation 51,207,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for State Parks:</p> <p>(1) "Recreational Trails." Federal appropriation 3,500,000</p> <p>For State forests operations.</p> <p>State appropriation 14,318,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for State Forests:</p> <p>(1) "Forest Fire Protection and Control." Federal appropriation 1,000,000</p> <p>(2) "Forestry Incentives and Agricultural Conservation." Federal appropriation 50,000</p> <p>(3) "Forest Management and Processing." Federal appropriation 400,000</p> <p>(4) "Cooperative Forest Insect and Disease Control." Federal appropriation 250,000</p> <p>(5) "Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies." Federal appropriation 450,000</p> <p>(6) "Wetland Protection Fund." Federal appropriation 200,000</p> <p>For forest pest management.</p> <p>State appropriation 2,380,000</p> <p>The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for forest pest management:</p> <p>(1) "Forest Insect and Disease Control." Federal appropriation 2,000,000</p> <p>For Heritage and other parks.</p> <p>State appropriation 1,950,000</p> <p>For payment of annual fixed charges in lieu of taxes to counties and townships on land acquired for Water Conservation and Flood Control.</p> <p>State appropriation 55,000</p> <p>For payment of annual fixed charges in lieu of taxes to political subdivisions for school districts on lands</p>
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acquired by the Commonwealth for Project 70.			
State appropriation	30,000		
For payment of annual fixed charges in lieu of taxes to counties, school districts and townships on forest lands.			
State appropriation	2,421,000		
For payment of annual fixed charges in lieu of taxes to counties, school districts and local municipalities on State park lands.			
State appropriation	300,000		
Section 211. Department of Corrections.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Corrections:			
For general government operations of the Department of Corrections.			
State appropriation	34,187,000		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:			
(1) “Federal Inmates.”			
Federal appropriation	25,000		
For inmate medical care.			
State appropriation	171,681,000		
For inmate education and training.			
State appropriation	37,043,000		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for inmate education and training:			
(1) “Library Services.”			
Federal appropriation	50,000		
(2) “Youth Offenders Education.”			
Federal appropriation	545,000		
(3) “Correctional Education.”			
Federal appropriation	1,390,000		
For the State correctional institutions, including sufficient funds for lease payments on certain prison facilities.			
State appropriation	1,055,589,000		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State correctional institutions:			
(1) “SABG - Drug and Alcohol Programs.”			
Federal appropriation	2,100,000		
(2) “Reimbursement for Alien Inmates.”			
Federal appropriation	1,841,000		
(3) “Volunteer Support.”			
Federal appropriation	20,000		
(4) “Truth in Sentencing.”			
Federal appropriation	26,000,000		
(5) “RSAT - Drug Treatment.”			
Federal appropriation	1,600,000		
(6) “Inmate Re-entry Program.”			
Federal appropriation	2,000,000		
Section 212. Department of Education.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Education:			
For general government operations of the Department of Education.			
State appropriation			26,219,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:			
(1) “Adult Basic Education - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		1,800,000	
(2) “Education of Exceptional Children - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		10,000,000	
(3) “ESEA - Title 1 - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		21,052,000	
(4) “State Approving Agency (VA).”			
Federal appropriation		1,028,000	
(5) “Food and Nutrition Service - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		4,650,000	
(6) “Migrant Education - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		515,000	
(7) “Vocational Education - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		3,910,000	
(8) “Title II - Improving Teacher Quality - Administration/State.”			
Federal appropriation		18,003,000	
(9) “Byrd Scholarships.”			
Federal appropriation		1,656,000	
(10) “ESEA - Title V - Administration/State.”			
Federal appropriation		16,358,000	
(11) “Homeless Assistance.”			
Federal appropriation		2,120,000	
(12) “Preschool Grant - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		980,000	
(13) “DFSC - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		15,783,000	
(14) “State Literacy Resource Centers.”			
Federal appropriation		150,000	
(15) “School Health Education Program.”			
Federal appropriation		600,000	
(16) “Learn and Serve America - School-Based.”			
Federal appropriation		1,409,000	
(17) “Environmental Education Workshop.”			
Federal appropriation		500,000	
(18) “Charter Schools Initiatives.”			
Federal appropriation		10,007,000	
(19) “Technology Literacy Challenge Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		15,267,000	
(20) “Comprehensive School Reform - Administration.”			
Federal appropriation		200,000	
(21) “Advanced Placement Testing.”			
Federal appropriation		200,000	

(22) "ESEA - Title X - Education Partnerships."	Federal appropriation	215,000	(5) "Adult Basic Education - Disabled Adults."	Federal appropriation	10,000
(23) "Refugee Children Education."	Federal appropriation	1,363,000	For the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.	State appropriation	7,948,000
(24) "Medical Assistance - Nurses Aide Training."	Federal appropriation	300,000	For payment of basic education funding to school districts in amounts to each school district equal to the allocation received by the school district for basic education funding during fiscal year 2002-2003: Provided, That the Secretary of Education, with the approval of the Governor, may make payments from this appropriation in advance of the due date prescribed by law to school districts which are financially handicapped, whenever the Secretary of Education shall deem it necessary to make such advance payments to enable the school districts to keep their public schools open; and Provided further, That no school district that has approved an increase in real property taxes for the 2003-2004 school year shall receive payment under this appropriation until it has provided the Department of Education with information certifying that the school district's estimated ending unreserved fund balance is less than or equal to 8% of its total budgeted expenditures for that school year.	State appropriation	4,086,326,000
(25) "Reading First Initiative - Administration."	Federal appropriation	14,648,000	For payments to school districts of the first class subject to the conditions identical to those set forth in section 34 of the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88).	State appropriation	25,000,000
(26) "Title VI - Rural and Low Income School Program - Administration."	Federal appropriation	40,000	For information and technology improvement.	State appropriation	1,290,000
(27) "Title IV - 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Administration."	Federal appropriation	15,052,000	For PA assessment.	State appropriation	3,867,000
For the Office of Safe Schools Advocate.	State appropriation	350,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for PA assessment:	State appropriation	3,867,000
For information and technology improvement.	State appropriation	5,142,000	(1) "Title VI - Part A State Assessment."	Federal appropriation	9,314,000
For PA assessment.	State appropriation	20,356,000	For the State Library, providing reference services and administering aid to public libraries.	State appropriation	4,165,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for PA assessment:			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State Library:		
(1) "Title VI - Part A State Assessment."	Federal appropriation	9,314,000	(1) "LSTA - Library Development."	Federal appropriation	1,650,000
For the State Library, providing reference services and administering aid to public libraries.	State appropriation	4,165,000	For programs of education and training at youth development centers and the monitoring of programs of education and training provided to incarcerated juveniles.	State appropriation	11,086,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State Library:			For the Scranton State School for the Deaf.	State appropriation	6,202,000
(1) "LSTA - Library Development."	Federal appropriation	1,650,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Scranton State School for the Deaf:		
For programs of education and training at youth development centers and the monitoring of programs of education and training provided to incarcerated juveniles.	State appropriation	11,086,000	(1) "Individuals with Disabilities - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	85,000
For the Scranton State School for the Deaf.	State appropriation	6,202,000	(2) "National School Milk Lunch Program - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	50,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Scranton State School for the Deaf:			(3) "ESEA - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	452,000
(1) "Individuals with Disabilities - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	85,000	(4) "Life-Long Learning - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	11,000
(2) "National School Milk Lunch Program - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	50,000			
(3) "ESEA - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	452,000			
(4) "Life-Long Learning - Scranton."	Federal appropriation	11,000			

vocational education funding during fiscal year 2002-2003.		of migrant laborers, including child-care services.	
State appropriation	55,378,000	State appropriation	759,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for vocational education:		For payments to Pennsylvania Charter Schools for the Deaf and Blind. This appropriation shall be allocated to recipients in amounts to each recipient equal to the allocation received by the recipient for payments to Pennsylvania Charter Schools for the Deaf and Blind funding during fiscal year 2002-2003.	
(1) "Vocational Education - Local."		State appropriation	25,749,000
Federal appropriation	51,000,000	For special education - approved private schools. This appropriation shall be allocated to recipients in amounts to each recipient equal to the allocation received by the recipient for special education - approved private schools funding during fiscal year 2002-2003.	
For payments on account of annual rental or sinking fund charges on school buildings, including charter schools.		State appropriation	63,450,000
State appropriation	294,483,000	For payment of the Commonwealth's share of the approved operating costs and lease payments of intermediate units.	
For payments on account of pupil transportation.		State appropriation	6,311,000
State appropriation	454,951,000	For grants to school districts to assist in meeting Federal matching requirements for grants received under the Federal Child Nutrition Act and to aid in providing a food program for needy children.	
For payments on account of nonpublic and charter school pupil transportation.		State appropriation	26,542,000
State appropriation	74,064,000	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for school food services:	
For payments on account of special education of exceptional children. This amount includes \$563,000 for community support services which is not to be included in the base calculations of the special education program components. This appropriation shall be allocated to recipients in amounts to each recipient equal to the allocation received by the recipient for special education of exceptional children funding during fiscal year 2002-2003.		(1) "Food and Nutrition - Local."	
State appropriation	874,319,000	Federal appropriation	298,496,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for special education:		For payment of the Commonwealth's share of Federal Social Security taxes for public school employees.	
(1) "Individuals with Disabilities Education - Local."		State appropriation	426,403,000
Federal appropriation	335,000,000	For payment of required contribution for public school employees' retirement.	
For payments for Early Intervention Services.		State appropriation	167,647,000
State appropriation	113,111,000	For education of indigent children at charitable hospitals.	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for early intervention services:		State appropriation	100,000
(1) "Education for Disabled Children."		The following Federal amounts are appropriated for basic education:	
Federal appropriation	1,228,000	(1) "ESEA - Title V - School Districts."	
For payment on account of homebound instruction.		Federal appropriation	56,000,000
State appropriation	850,000	(2) "ESEA - Title I - Local."	
For payment for tuition to school districts providing education to nonresident orphaned children placed in private homes by the court and nonresident inmates of children's institutions.		Federal appropriation	450,000,000
State appropriation	47,288,000	(3) "DFSC - School Districts."	
For payments of annual fixed charges to school districts in lieu of taxes for land acquired by the Commonwealth for water conservation or flood prevention.		Federal appropriation	14,000,000
State appropriation	180,000	(4) "Title II - Improving Teacher Quality - Local."	
For payment for maintenance of summer schools for school-age children		Federal appropriation	102,944,000
		(5) "Technology Literacy Challenge - Local."	
		Federal appropriation	21,641,000
		(6) "Comprehensive School Reform - Local."	
		Federal appropriation	20,000,000

(7) "Reading First Initiative - Local."			For independent schools.	
Federal appropriation	26,000,000		State appropriation	500,000
(8) "Title V - Empowerment Schools."			For reimbursements to school districts for their charter school payments. For school districts of the first class that have been declared distressed pursuant to section 691(c) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, funds received from this appropriation must first be expended by the School Reform Commission for all costs associated with the operation of schools governed by existing terms of agreements currently in effect pursuant to section 696(i)(2) of the Public School Code of 1949 and for the operation of schools previously designated as Partnership Schools under the School Reform Commission Resolution Number 10 of April 17, 2002, before the funds can be expended on any other school identified for targeted reform by the School Reform Commission pursuant to the aforementioned resolution. Such expenditures shall include costs associated with targeted reform efforts such as: enhancements in curriculum; enhancements or improvements in instructional supplies, materials and equipment, including computer hardware and software used to provide instruction; enhancements in professional development programs; improved or newly established accountability measures for school employees; and other costs associated with such agreements. These funds shall be distributed by the School Reform Commission in accordance with the funding methodology approved by the Secretary of Education, and shall be supplemental and in addition to any amount of Federal, State and local funds allocated to such schools by the school district under its standard budgeting process. Receipt of these funds shall in no way be deemed to authorize the schools to be treated differently from other schools in the school district in terms of services or other funding provided by the school district. The secretary shall not pay these funds to a school district of the first class until the secretary has determined that these conditions have been met.	
Federal appropriation	100,000		State appropriation	52,940,000
(9) "Title IV - 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Local."			For safe and alternative schools.	
Federal appropriation	19,192,000		For a school district of the first class, funds from this appropriation shall be used to pay all costs incurred under a contract between the school district of the first class and a private alternative education institution pursuant to Article XIX-E of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, before it	
(10) "Title III - Language Instruction for LEP and Immigrant Students."				
Federal appropriation	6,000,000			
(11) "Title VI - Rural and Low Income Schools - Local."				
Federal appropriation	849,000			
(12) "Title IV - Community Services for Expelled Students."				
Federal appropriation	1,837,000			
For education mentoring, including dropout prevention programs.		1,200,000		
State appropriation				
For services to nonpublic schools.		71,976,000		
State appropriation				
For textbooks, instructional material and instructional equipment for nonpublic schools.		22,030,000		
State appropriation				
For programs to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting teenagers.		1,725,000		
State appropriation				
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for pregnant and parenting teenagers:				
(1) "Teenage Parenting Education - TANF."				
Federal appropriation	12,255,000			
(2) "Teen Parenting - Food Stamps."				
Federal appropriation	944,000			
For a comprehensive reading program.		300,000		
State appropriation				
For grants to public libraries.		37,644,000		
State appropriation				
To provide aid to the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to meet the costs incurred in serving as regional libraries in the distribution of braille reading materials, talking book machines and other reading materials to persons who are blind or otherwise disabled.		2,965,000		
State appropriation				
For library access.		7,386,000		
State appropriation				
For the Access Pennsylvania Database network.		3,842,000		
State appropriation				
For ethnic heritage studies.		165,000		
State appropriation				
For the Governor's Schools of Excellence.		2,492,000		
State appropriation				
For charter schools.		1,000,000		
State appropriation				

may be used for other alternative education programs or services.

State appropriation 23,326,000

For alternative education demonstration grants.

State appropriation 7,200,000

For payment of approved operating and capital expenses of community colleges. This appropriation shall be allocated to each community college in an amount equal to the allocation received by the community college for approved operating and capital expenses during fiscal year 2002-2003. An independent audit report for the preceding fiscal year, which is consistent with the generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, or by their successors, or by any other recognized authoritative body, and the financial reporting policies and standards promulgated by the Commonwealth and by the Federal Government that apply to community colleges, shall be submitted by each community college to the Department of Education not later than 120 days after the close of the preceding fiscal year. The Department of Education may withhold whatever funds appropriated herein it feels necessary to ensure that such audit reports are submitted in the prescribed fashion.

State appropriation 210,277,000

For higher education equal opportunity program grants.

State appropriation 9,320,000

For annual payments, not to exceed \$500 per student, to institutions of higher learning for defraying the expenses of deaf or blind students.

State appropriation 54,000

For transfer to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority for interest subsidies, when due, for bonds issued for dormitory sprinklers.

State appropriation 3,000,000

For higher education - rural initiatives grants.

State appropriation 1,343,000

Section 213. Department of Environmental Protection.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection:

	Federal	State	
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For general government operations of the Department of Environmental Protection.

State appropriation 22,171,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) "Surface Mine Conservation."		
Federal appropriation	413,000	
For Environmental Program Management.		
State appropriation	43,679,000	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Environmental Program Management:		
(1) "Coastal Zone Management."		
Federal appropriation	3,700,000	
(2) "Construction Management Assistance Grants - Administration."		
Federal appropriation	1,400,000	
(3) "Storm Water Permitting Initiative."		
Federal appropriation	2,300,000	
(4) "Safe Drinking Water Act - Management."		
Federal appropriation	5,500,000	
(5) "Water Pollution Control Grants - Management."		
Federal appropriation	3,300,000	
(6) "Air Pollution Control Grants - Management."		
Federal appropriation	2,400,000	
(7) "Surface Mine Conservation."		
Federal appropriation	6,500,000	
(8) "Wetland Protection Fund."		
Federal appropriation	240,000	
(9) "Training and Education of Underground Coal Miners."		
Federal appropriation	750,000	
(10) "Diagnostic X-ray Equipment Testing."		
Federal appropriation	340,000	
(11) "Water Quality Outreach Operator Training."		
Federal appropriation	200,000	
(12) "Water Quality Management Planning Grants."		
Federal appropriation	1,150,000	
(13) "Small Operator's Assistance."		
Federal appropriation	2,000,000	
(14) "Wellhead Protection Fund."		
Federal appropriation	250,000	
(15) "Indoor Radon Abatement."		
Federal appropriation	500,000	
(16) "Non-Point Source Implementation 319(h)."		
Federal appropriation	12,800,000	
(17) "Hydroelectric Power Conservation Fund."		
Federal appropriation	51,000	
(18) "Survey Studies."		
Federal appropriation	3,000,000	
(19) "National Dam Safety."		
Federal appropriation	150,000	
(20) "Great Lakes Restoration."		
Federal appropriation	1,700,000	
(21) "Training Reimbursement Program for Small Systems."		
Federal appropriation	3,500,000	
For the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Abatement Program.		
State appropriation	3,105,000	

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Abatement Program:

(1) "Chesapeake Bay Pollution Abatement."
 Federal appropriation 6,200,000
 For the Office of Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance.
 State appropriation 3,569,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Office of Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance:

(1) "State Energy Program (SEP)."
 Federal appropriation 4,951,000

(2) "Pollution Prevention."
 Federal appropriation 600,000

(3) "Heavy Duty Vehicle Program."
 Federal appropriation 200,000

(4) "Alternative Fuels."
 Federal appropriation 175,000

(5) "National Industrial Competitiveness."
 Federal appropriation 933,000

(6) "Energy and Environmental Opportunities."
 Federal appropriation 1,200,000
 For Environmental Protection Operations.
 State appropriation 76,393,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Environmental Protection Operations:

(1) "EPA - Planning Grant - Administration."
 Federal appropriation 6,800,000

(2) "Water Pollution Control Grants."
 Federal appropriation 4,500,000

(3) "Air Pollution Control Grants."
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 Federal appropriation 2,900,000

(4) "Surface Mine Control and Reclamation."
 Federal appropriation 7,583,000

(5) "Construction Management Assistance Grants."
 Federal appropriation 350,000

(6) "Safe Drinking Water."
 Federal appropriation 2,700,000

(7) "Oil Pollution Spills Removal."
 Federal appropriation 1,000,000
 For the black fly control project.
 State appropriation 4,419,000
 For West Nile virus control.
 State appropriation 7,430,000
 For flood control projects.
 State appropriation 2,793,000
 For storm water management grants.
 State appropriation 1,200,000
 For sewage facilities planning grants.
 State appropriation 1,950,000

For sewage facilities enforcement grants.
 State appropriation 5,000,000

For payment of Pennsylvania's share of the expenses of the River Master for the Delaware River.
 State appropriation 92,000

For support of the Ohio River Basin Commission.
 State appropriation 14,000

For support of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.
 State appropriation 725,000

For support of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.
 State appropriation 46,000

For conduct of the Delaware River Basin Commission.
 State appropriation 1,132,000

For support of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission.
 State appropriation 172,000

For support of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.
 State appropriation 265,000

For payments to conservation districts.
 State appropriation 3,100,000

For payment of Pennsylvania's share of the costs of the Interstate Mining Commission.
 State appropriation 38,000

For the Northeast-Midwest Institute.
 State appropriation 58,000

For the Sea Grants Program.
 State appropriation 250,000

Section 214. Department of General Services.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of General Services:

	Federal	State
For general government operations of the Department of General Services. State appropriation		64,166,000
For the administration and operation of the Capitol Police. State appropriation		11,212,000
For Harristown rental charges. State appropriation		6,666,000
For utility costs, including implementation of third-party shared savings programs. State appropriation		13,979,000
For Harristown utility and municipal charges, including implementation of third-party shared savings programs. State appropriation		10,463,000
For asbestos and hazardous materials needs. State appropriation		318,000
For excess insurance coverage. State appropriation		3,802,000
For Capital Project leasing. State appropriation		92,000

For fire protection services for the Capitol Complex in Harrisburg.			For the Organ Donation Awareness Program.		
State appropriation		1,020,000	State appropriation		109,000
Section 215. Department of Health.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Health:			For Diabetes Programs.		
			State appropriation		426,000
	Federal	State	The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for diabetes programs:		
For general government operations of the Department of Health.			(1) “Diabetes Control.”		
State appropriation		27,271,000	Federal appropriation		1,000,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:			For Quality Assurance.		
(1) “WIC - Administration and Operation.”			State appropriation		15,367,000
Federal appropriation	12,143,000		The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Quality Assurance Program:		
(2) “Health Assessment.”			(1) “Medicare - Health Service Agency Certification.”		
Federal appropriation	494,000		Federal appropriation		9,913,000
(3) “PHHSBG - Administration and Operation.”			(2) “Medicaid Certification.”		
Federal appropriation	3,167,000		Federal appropriation		5,573,000
(4) “SABG - Administration and Operation.”			For Vital Statistics.		
Federal appropriation	6,254,000		State appropriation		6,469,000
(5) “MCHSBG - Administration and Operation.”			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for vital statistics:		
Federal appropriation	16,549,000		(1) “Cooperative Health Statistics.”		
(6) “Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology.”			Federal appropriation		1,418,000
Federal appropriation	43,000		(2) “Health Statistics.”		
(7) “Pediatric Prehospital Emergency Care.”			Federal appropriation		292,000
Federal appropriation	231,000		(3) “Traumatic Brain Injury.”		
(8) “TB - Administration and Operation.”			Federal appropriation		200,000
Federal appropriation	699,000		For the State Laboratory.		
(9) “Lead - Administration and Operation.”			State appropriation		4,202,000
Federal appropriation	1,404,000		The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State Laboratory:		
(10) “AIDS Health Education Administration and Operation.”			(1) “Clinical Laboratory Improvement.”		
Federal appropriation	3,769,000		Federal appropriation		748,000
(11) “Community Migrant Health.”			(2) “Epidemiology and Laboratory Surveillance and Response.”		
Federal appropriation	319,000		Federal appropriation		1,482,000
(12) “HIV/AIDS Surveillance.”			(3) “Environmental Biomonitoring.”		
Federal appropriation	1,233,000		Federal appropriation		368,000
(13) “HIV Care Administration and Operation.”			For the State health care centers.		
Federal appropriation	1,038,000		State appropriation		21,290,000
(14) “Crash Outcomes Data Evaluation.”			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State health care centers:		
Federal appropriation	190,000		(1) “Disease Control Immunization Program - Project Grants.”		
(15) “State Incentive Grant - Administration and Operation.”			Federal appropriation		9,280,000
Federal appropriation	572,000		(2) “PHHSBG - Block Program Services.”		
(16) “Rural Access to Emergency Devices.”			Federal appropriation		3,679,000
Federal appropriation	880,000		(3) “Preventive Health Special Projects.”		
(17) “Cancer Prevention and Control.”			Federal appropriation		2,598,000
Federal appropriation	5,569,000		(4) “Lake Erie Beach Monitoring.”		
(18) “Environmental Public Health Tracking.”			Federal appropriation		152,000
Federal appropriation	842,000		For sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment.		
			State appropriation		2,000,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for sexually transmitted disease screening and testing:

(1) "Survey and Follow-up - Sexually Transmitted Diseases."
 Federal appropriation 3,607,000
 For screening of newborns.
 State appropriation 4,000,000
 For the primary health care practitioner program.
 State appropriation 4,630,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the primary health care practitioner program:

(1) "Loan Repayment Program."
 Federal appropriation 312,000

(2) "Rural Hospital Flexibility Program."
 Federal appropriation 523,000
 For cancer control programs.
 State appropriation 2,085,000
 For AIDS Programs.
 State appropriation 6,159,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for AIDS programs:

(1) "AIDS Health Education."
 Federal appropriation 2,020,000

(2) "HIV Care."
 Federal appropriation 13,607,000

(3) "Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS."
 Federal appropriation 1,655,000
 For regional cancer institutes.
 State appropriation 899,000
 For reimbursement to school districts on account of health services.
 State appropriation 38,700,000
 For maintenance of local health departments.
 State appropriation 28,901,000
 For local health departments for environmental health services.
 State appropriation 7,568,000
 For maternal and child health services, including \$1,365,000 to provide abstinence education, training, counseling and programs to promote abstinence from sexual activity.
 State appropriation 3,975,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for maternal and child health:

(1) "MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement."
 Federal appropriation 1,657,000

(2) "MCHSBG - Program Services," including \$150,000 for epilepsy services.
 Federal appropriation 17,665,000

(3) "Special Supplemental Food Service Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)."
 Federal appropriation 150,970,000

In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for the Special Supplemental Food Service Program for Women, Infants and Children are hereby appropriated to such program.

(4) "Abstinence Education."
 Federal appropriation 4,277,000

(5) "Environmental Assessment - Child Lead Poisoning."
 Federal appropriation 234,000

(6) "Family Health Special Projects."
 Federal appropriation 200,000

(7) "Screening Newborns."
 Federal appropriation 219,000

(8) "Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention."
 Federal appropriation 420,000

For grants to counties and private facilities to finance drug and alcohol abuse treatment and prevention programs.
 State appropriation 40,498,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for alcohol and drug grant programs:

(1) "SABG - Drug and Alcohol Services."
 Federal appropriation 56,510,000

(2) "Substance Abuse Special Project Grants."
 Federal appropriation 5,220,000
 For tuberculosis screening and treatment.
 State appropriation 959,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for tuberculosis screening and treatment:

(1) "Tuberculosis Control Program."
 Federal appropriation 165,000
 For renal dialysis services.
 State appropriation 8,895,000

For services to children with special needs. This appropriation includes funding for spina bifida services, \$944,000 for the Ventilator-Assisted Childrens Home Program including case management and respite care services, and public awareness activities related to folic acid ingestion.
 State appropriation 1,645,000
 For adult cystic fibrosis.
 State appropriation 685,000
 For diagnosis and treatment for Cooley's anemia.
 State appropriation 188,000
 For arthritis outreach and education.
 State appropriation 145,000
 For hemophilia services.
 State appropriation 1,428,000
 For lupus programs.
 State appropriation 58,000

For sickle-cell anemia services, including camps for children with sickle cell anemia.			(1) "Workforce Investment Act - Administration."		
State appropriation	1,808,000		Federal appropriation	8,500,000	
For hepatitis screening and prevention.			(2) "Community Service and Corps."		
State appropriation	174,000		Federal appropriation	10,000,000	
For regional poison control centers.			(3) "Disability Determination."		
State appropriation	725,000		Federal appropriation	83,620,000	
For trauma programs coordination.			(4) "New Hires."		
State appropriation	174,000		Federal appropriation	1,739,000	
For epilepsy support services.			For occupational and industrial safety.		
State appropriation	290,000		State appropriation	11,375,000	
For the Keystone Games.			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for occupational and industrial safety:		
State appropriation	220,000		(1) "Career Resources Network."		
For Tourette's Syndrome.			Federal appropriation	190,000	
State appropriation	58,000		(2) "Building Code."		
For newborn hearing screening demonstration projects.			Federal appropriation	200,000	
State appropriation	435,000		For PENNSAFE.		
For osteoporosis prevention and education programs.			State appropriation	1,294,000	
State appropriation	58,000		The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for PENNSAFE:		
For health research and services.			(1) "Underground Utility Line Protection."		
State appropriation	1,000,000		Federal appropriation	300,000	
Section 216. Insurance Department.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Insurance Department:		Federal State	For the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps, which includes up to \$200,000 for matching funds for the National and Community Service Trust Act.		
For general government operations of the Insurance Department.			State appropriation	5,676,000	
State appropriation	20,042,000		For occupational disease payments.		
For Children's Health Insurance Administration.			State appropriation	2,041,000	
State appropriation	1,602,000		For a separate State-funded vocational rehabilitation program to provide vocational rehabilitation services leading to competitive employment for OVR eligible persons with disabilities unable to receive services through the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Program.		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for children's health insurance administration.			State appropriation	4,000,000	
(1) "Children's Health Insurance Administration."			For entrepreneurial assistance including the Independence Capital Access Network (ICAN) Program to provide grants and outreach to businesses to purchase specialized or adaptive equipment.		
Federal appropriation	3,787,000		State appropriation	1,061,000	
For children's health insurance.			For the payment to the Vocational Rehabilitation Fund for work of the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation.		
State appropriation	34,296,000		State appropriation	37,083,000	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for children's health insurance:			For supported employment.		
(1) "Children's Health Insurance Program."			State appropriation	1,155,000	
Federal appropriation	132,849,000		For centers for independent living, including independent living services purchased by Office of Vocational Rehabilitation District Offices.		
For administration of the Adult Basic Coverage Insurance Program.			State appropriation	1,600,000	
State appropriation	2,543,000		To carry out the provisions of section 306(h) of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act.		
Section 217. Department of Labor and Industry.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Labor and Industry:		Federal State	State appropriation	198,000	
For general government operations of the Department of Labor and Industry.					
State appropriation	17,011,000				
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:					

(8) "Refugees and Persons Seeking Asylum - Administration."		
Federal appropriation	1,480,000	
(9) "Disabled Education - Administration."		
Federal appropriation	1,399,000	
(10) "MHSBG - Administration."		
Federal appropriation	158,000	
(11) "SSBG - Administration."		
Federal appropriation	3,691,000	
(12) "Training - Lead-Based Paint Abatement."		
Federal appropriation	137,000	
(13) "Community-Based Family Resource and Support Administration."		
Federal appropriation	689,000	
(14) "Real Choice Systems Change."		
Federal appropriation	462,000	
(15) "Medical Assistance Infrastructure."		
Federal appropriation	500,000	
For information systems.		
State appropriation		54,904,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for information systems:		
(1) "Medical Assistance - Information Systems."		
Federal appropriation	78,690,000	
(2) "Child Welfare - Title IV-E - Information Systems."		
Federal appropriation	4,543,000	
(3) "TANFBG - Information Systems."		
Federal appropriation	10,467,000	
(4) "Food Stamps - Information Systems."		
Federal appropriation	11,267,000	
(5) "Child Support Enforcement - Information Systems."		
Federal appropriation	6,808,000	
For Statewide operations related to county administration of the public assistance and medical assistance programs.		
State appropriation		41,323,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Statewide operations relating to county administration:		
(1) "TANFBG - Statewide."		
Federal appropriation	3,996,000	
(2) "Medical Assistance - Statewide."		
Federal appropriation	43,461,000	
(3) "Food Stamps - Statewide."		
Federal appropriation	19,339,000	
(4) "Ryan White - Statewide."		
Federal appropriation	122,000	
For county assistance office operations related to administration of the public assistance and medical assistance programs.		
State appropriation		252,318,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum		

appropriated for county assistance offices:		
(1) "TANFBG - County Assistance Offices."		
Federal appropriation		51,450,000
(2) "Medical Assistance - County Assistance Offices."		
Federal appropriation		81,911,000
(3) "Food Stamps - County Assistance Offices."		
Federal appropriation		79,200,000
(4) "SSBG - County Assistance Offices."		
Federal appropriation		6,262,000
(5) "LIHEABG - Administration and Audit Costs." In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for the administration of the LIHEAP program are hereby appropriated to this program.		
Federal appropriation		6,423,000
For child support enforcement.		
State appropriation		11,998,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for child support enforcement:		
(1) "TANFBG - Child Support Enforcement."		
Federal appropriation		1,850,000
(2) "Child Support Enforcement Program - Title IV-D."		
Federal appropriation		135,657,000
For New Directions.		
State appropriation		64,252,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for New Directions:		
(1) "TANFBG - New Directions."		
Federal appropriation		165,308,000
(2) "Medical Assistance - New Directions."		
Federal appropriation		8,447,000
(3) "Food Stamps - New Directions."		
Federal appropriation		10,896,000
(4) "Welfare To Work."		
Federal appropriation		12,227,000
For youth development institutions and forestry camps.		
State appropriation		67,509,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for youth development institutions:		
(1) "SSBG - Basic Institutional Programs."		
Federal appropriation		1,056,000
(2) "Food Nutrition Services."		
Federal appropriation		1,015,000
(3) "TANFBG - Youth Development Centers."		
Federal appropriation		7,907,000
(4) "DFSC - Special Program - Juvenile Aftercare."		
Federal appropriation		1,225,000

For mental health services, including grants to counties exclusive of capital improvements and including adequate funds for maintenance and security at the former Philadelphia State Hospital.

State appropriation 657,128,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for mental health services:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Mental Health."
Federal appropriation 196,598,000

(2) "Medicare Services - State Mental Hospitals."
Federal appropriation 10,178,000

(3) "Homeless Mentally Ill."
Federal appropriation 1,542,000

(4) "MHSBG - Community Mental Health Services."
Federal appropriation 17,148,000

(5) "SSBG - Community Mental Health Services."
Federal appropriation 14,808,000

(6) "Mental Health Data Infrastructure."
Federal appropriation 100,000

For State centers for the mentally retarded.

State appropriation 111,523,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State centers for the mentally retarded:

(1) "Medical Assistance - State Centers."
Federal appropriation 135,488,000

(2) "Medicare Services - State Centers."
Federal appropriation 608,000

For cash assistance grants including employment and training and child care services for cash assistance recipients and child care services for former cash assistance recipients.

State appropriation 313,493,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for cash assistance:

(1) "TANFBG - Cash Grants."
The department, upon approval of the Secretary of the Budget, may transfer funds from this appropriation to the CCDFBG-Child Care Services appropriation to provide child care services to additional low-income families provided that such transfer of funds will not result in a deficit in this appropriation. The Secretary of the Budget shall provide, ten days prior to any transfer, notice of any such transfer to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Federal appropriation 204,453,000

(2) "CCDFBG - Cash Grants."
The department, upon approval of the Secretary of the Budget, may transfer funds from this appropriation to the CCDFBG-Child Care Services appropriation to provide child care services to additional low-income families provided that such transfer of funds will not result in a deficit in this appropriation. The Secretary of the Budget shall provide, ten days prior to any transfer, notice of any such transfer to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Federal appropriation 122,039,000

(3) "Other Federal Support - Cash Grants."
Federal appropriation 23,153,000

(4) "LIHEABG - Program."
Federal appropriation 157,227,000

In addition to the specific amounts appropriated herein, all other moneys received from the Federal Government for the LIHEAP program, either through an increase in the regular program or pursuant to a Presidential release of contingency funds, are hereby appropriated to this program.

For Supplemental Grants to the Aged, Blind and Disabled.

State appropriation 152,336,000

For medical assistance payments - outpatient services, exclusive of outpatient services provided through capitation plans. The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

State appropriation 688,286,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - outpatient:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Outpatient." The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

Federal appropriation 890,146,000

For medical assistance payments - inpatient, exclusive of inpatient services provided through capitation plans.

State appropriation 372,614,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - inpatient services:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Inpatient."
Federal appropriation 478,036,000

For medical assistance payments - capitation plans. For provision of outpatient services and inpatient hospital services to eligible persons enrolled in an

approved capitation plan. No part of this appropriation shall be used to pay any provider who has not supplied information in such form as required by the department in order to facilitate claims for Federal financial participation for services rendered to general assistance clients. The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

State appropriation 2,064,547,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - capitation plans:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Capitation." The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

Federal appropriation 2,590,621,000

For medical assistance - long-term care.

State appropriation 446,038,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for long-term care:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Long-Term Care."

Federal appropriation 2,088,713,000

No funds from any medical assistance appropriation shall be used to pay for services under medical assistance for any child under 21 years of age who has a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) level of disability and whose parental income is not currently considered in the eligibility determination process, unless the custodial parent or legally responsible adult has provided to the Department of Public Welfare, at application or redetermination, information as required by the department for inclusion in an annual report. Income information provided by the custodial parent or legally responsible adult shall not be considered by the department when determining or continuing eligibility for medical assistance benefits for a child with an SSI level of disability. The department shall submit to the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health and Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives an annual report including, but not limited to, the following data: family size, household income, county of residence, length of residence in Pennsylvania, third-party insurance information, diagnosis and the type and cost of services paid for by the medical assistance program on behalf of each eligible and enrolled child that has an SSI level of disability and where parental income is not currently

considered in the eligibility determination process.

Any rule, regulation or policy for the State or Federal appropriations for the cash assistance, outpatient, inpatient, capitation, long-term care, services to persons with disabilities and Supplemental Grants to the Aged, Blind and Disabled programs adopted by the Secretary of Public Welfare during the fiscal period 2003-2004 which add to the cost of any public assistance program shall be effective only from and after the date upon which it is approved as to the availability of funds by the Governor.

For medical assistance - transportation.

State appropriation 32,380,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - transportation:

(1) "Medical Assistance - Transportation."

Federal appropriation 28,622,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds shall be utilized as payment of last resort for transportation services for eligible medical assistance recipients.

For women's service programs. \$4,343,000 shall be used for grants to nonprofit agencies whose primary function is to assist pregnant women seeking alternatives to abortion. Such funds shall be expended to provide services to such women until childbirth and for up to 12 months thereafter, including, but not limited to, food, shelter, clothing, health care, counseling, adoption services, parenting classes, assistance for postdelivery stress and other supportive programs and services and for related outreach programs. Such agencies may subcontract with other nonprofit entities which operate projects designed specifically to provide all or a portion of the foregoing services. Projects receiving such funds shall not promote or refer for or perform abortions or engage in any counseling which is inconsistent with this appropriation and shall be physically and financially separate from any component of any legal entity engaging in such activities. \$4,343,000 shall be used for grants for women's medical services, including noninvasive contraception supplies. These funds shall not be used to promote, perform or refer for abortions or engage in abortion counseling and projects supported by these funds shall be physically and financially separate from any such abortion or abortion-related activities. This separation shall be verified by an annual independent audit obtained by the entity providing the services and submitted to the

Department of Public Welfare. Further evidence of such physical and financial separation shall be supplied through such documentation as the Department of Public Welfare shall request. No later than March 30 of each year, the Department of Public Welfare shall submit a report to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and to the chairman and minority chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives regarding the number of audits filed, the adequacy of the documentation submitted and any recommendations to revise the verification process. The physical and financial separation requirement shall not apply to a hospital or to a project which receives Federal funds pursuant to Title X of the Public Health Service Act (58 Stat. 682, 42 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.) and which performs only those nondirective abortion counseling and referral services required under that act if failure to perform those services will result in the withholding of Federal funds. The physical and financial separation requirement shall not apply to any abortion or to any abortion referral or any abortion counseling in connection therewith, which:

(1) on the basis of the physician's good faith clinical judgment, is necessary to prevent the death of the mother or to prevent the serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; or

(2) is performed in the case of a pregnancy caused by rape or incest.

State appropriation 8,686,000

The following Federal amount is appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for women's service programs:

(1) "TANFBG -Alternatives to Abortion." For grants to nonprofit agencies whose primary function is to assist pregnant women seeking alternatives to abortion and who meet the criteria for such grants. The funds are dedicated for services to women whose gross family income is below 185% of the Federal poverty guidelines.

Federal appropriation 1,000,000

For special pharmaceutical services for AIDS-related services.

State appropriation 10,452,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for special pharmaceutical services for AIDS-related services:

(1) "AIDS - Ryan White."
 Federal appropriation 22,035,000
 For special pharmaceutical services for atypical antipsychotic drug therapy for persons residing in the community who suffer from schizophrenia.
 State appropriation 5,789,000
 For intermediate care facilities/MR.
 State appropriation 110,729,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for intermediate care facilities/MR:
 (1) "Medical Assistance - Intermediate Care Facilities - Mentally Retarded."
 Federal appropriation 133,098,000
 For community mental retardation services, exclusive of capital improvements, which shall include grants to counties for noninstitutional programs.
 State appropriation 674,210,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for community services for the mentally retarded:
 (1) "Medical Assistance - Community MR Services."
 Federal appropriation 610,473,000
 (2) "SSBG - Community MR Services."
 Federal appropriation 13,984,000
 For early intervention services.
 State appropriation 74,345,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for early intervention services:
 (1) "SSBG - Early Intervention."
 Federal appropriation 2,195,000
 (2) "Medical Assistance - Early Intervention."
 Federal appropriation 17,026,000
 (3) "Education for Children with Disabilities - Early Intervention."
 Federal appropriation 12,758,000
 For extraordinary costs to counties other than counties of the first class resulting from the closure of Pennhurst State Center.
 State appropriation 2,939,000
 For residential services for the mentally retarded in the Lansdowne area.
 State appropriation 382,000
 For payments and services to counties for children and youth programs and for the care of delinquent and dependent children, provided that, for fiscal year 2003-2004, not more than 50% of the funds allocated from this appropriation to each county and herein appropriated shall be expended until such time as each county submits to the Department of Public Welfare data for the previous State fiscal year, and updated on a quarterly basis, on the unduplicated caseloads, unduplicated

services and number of caseworkers by county program. This data is to be provided in a form acceptable to the Department of Public Welfare. A copy of the data shall be sent to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and to the chairman and the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The department may use up to \$9,535,000 of this appropriation to fund contracts for adoption services. The department may also use funds from this appropriation for assistance to counties in meeting Federal reimbursement documentation requirements. Reimbursement for children and youth services made pursuant to section 704.1 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code shall not exceed the amount of State funds appropriated.

State appropriation 610,213,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for payments and services to counties for children and youth programs and child abuse and neglect prevention:

- (1) "Child Welfare Services." Federal appropriation 18,270,000
- (2) "Child Welfare - Title IV-E." Federal appropriation 392,003,000
- (3) "Medical Assistance - Child Welfare." Federal appropriation 4,808,000
- (4) "TANFBG - Child Welfare." Federal appropriation 295,940,000
- (5) "SSBG - Child Welfare." Federal appropriation 12,021,000
- (6) "Child Welfare Training and Certification." Federal appropriation 19,615,000
- (7) "Community-based Family Resource and Support." Federal appropriation 131,000

For community-based family centers. No funds from this appropriation shall be considered as part of the base for calculation of the county child welfare needs-based budget for any fiscal year.

State appropriation 3,086,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for community-based family centers:

- (1) "Family Preservation - Family Centers." Federal appropriation 6,463,000
- (2) "Family Resource and Support - Family Centers." Federal appropriation 480,000
- (3) "CCDFBG - Family Centers." Federal appropriation 4,000,000

For child care services.
State appropriation 59,683,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for child care services:

- (1) "CCDFBG - Child Care Services." Federal appropriation 168,923,000
 - (2) "CCDFBG - School Age." Federal appropriation 1,260,000
 - (3) "SSBG - Child Care Services." Federal appropriation 30,977,000
 - (4) "Head Start Collaboration Project." Federal appropriation 300,000
 - (5) "TANFBG - Child Care Services." Federal appropriation 2,000,000
- For domestic violence programs.
State appropriation 11,316,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for domestic violence programs:

- (1) "Family Violence Prevention Services." Federal appropriation 3,400,000
 - (2) "SSBG - Domestic Violence Programs." Federal appropriation 1,205,000
 - (3) "PHHSBG - Domestic Violence." Federal appropriation 150,000
 - (4) "TANFBG - Domestic Violence." Federal appropriation 2,500,000
 - (5) "DFSC - Domestic Violence." Federal appropriation 425,000
- For rape crisis programs.
State appropriation 5,764,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for rape crisis programs:

- (1) "PHHSBG - Rape Crisis." Federal appropriation 301,000
 - (2) "SSBG - Rape Crisis." Federal appropriation 634,000
 - (3) "TANFBG - Rape Crisis." Federal appropriation 1,587,000
 - (4) "Rape Prevention and Education." Federal appropriation 1,806,000
 - (5) "DFSC - Special Programs for Rape Crisis." Federal appropriation 142,000
- For breast cancer screening.
State appropriation 1,496,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for breast cancer screening:

- (1) "SSBG - Family Planning." Federal appropriation 3,845,000
- For the Human Services Development Fund.
State appropriation 3,500,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Human Services Development Fund:

For the operation of Welcome Centers.			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:	
State appropriation	2,370,000		(1) "Drug Enforcement."	
For costs related to voter registration with driver licensing.			Federal appropriation	400,000
State appropriation	938,000		(2) "Bulletproof Vests."	
For costs associated with the collection of money for the Organ Donation Awareness Trust Fund.			Federal appropriation	1,473,000
State appropriation	99,000		(3) "Marijuana Eradication."	
For mass transportation assistance for grants to local transportation organizations.			Federal appropriation	100,000
State appropriation	253,919,000		(4) "In-Car Video Cameras."	
For supplemental grants to Class 3 and Class 4 transit entities and to support access to jobs transportation demonstration activities.			Federal appropriation	500,000
State appropriation	1,000,000		(5) "Computer Crime Prevention."	
The following Federal amounts are appropriated for supplemental grants to transit entities:			Federal appropriation	400,000
(1) "TANFBG - Access to Jobs."			(6) "Improvements for Lab System."	
Federal appropriation	10,000,000		Federal appropriation	250,000
(2) "TEA 21 - Access to Jobs."			(7) "Uniform Crime Reporting Redesign."	
Federal appropriation	2,000,000		Federal appropriation	200,000
To augment State Lottery funds for payments to transportation providers for fixed-route transportation services and related improvements and for other transportation activities.			(8) "Equipment Upgrades."	
State appropriation	26,394,000		Federal appropriation	22,000
For intercity transportation: for intercity bus, rail passenger and other operating subsidies and related improvements.			(9) "Combat Underage Drinking."	
State appropriation	7,013,000		Federal appropriation	360,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for intercity rail and bus transportation:			(10) "Staff and Command Training."	
(1) "Surface Transportation Operating."			Federal appropriation	173,000
Federal appropriation	10,000,000		(11) "Fugitive Apprehension."	
(2) "Surface Transportation Assistance - Capital."			Federal appropriation	80,000
Federal appropriation	4,000,000		(12) "Operation Triggerlock."	
(3) "FTA - Capital Improvements."			Federal appropriation	72,000
Federal appropriation	25,000,000		(13) "Area Computer Crime."	
(4) "FTA - Intelligent Vehicles - Public Transit."			Federal appropriation	957,000
Federal appropriation	3,890,000		(14) "Bar Coding System."	
(5) "FTA - Intelligent Transit System Deployment."			Federal appropriation	90,000
Federal appropriation	20,000,000		(15) "Radiation Emergency Response Fund."	
For operating subsidies, lease payments and maintenance projects on rail freight lines.			Federal appropriation	10,000
State appropriation	4,250,000		(16) "Domestic Terrorism Equipment."	
Section 223. Pennsylvania State Police.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police:			Federal appropriation	300,000
	Federal	State	(17) "Forensic Lab Improvement."	
For general government operations of the Pennsylvania State Police.			Federal appropriation	139,000
State appropriation	148,219,000		(18) "Megan's Law Improvement."	
			Federal appropriation	105,000
			(19) "DNA Backlog Reduction."	
			Federal appropriation	140,000
			For the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network.	
			State appropriation	15,000,000
			For the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, including in-service training.	
			State appropriation	4,243,000
			For replacement of patrol vehicles.	
			State appropriation	2,768,000
			For an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).	
			State appropriation	2,247,000
			The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for an automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS):	
			(1) "Latent Print Transmission."	
			Federal appropriation	500,000
			(2) "Fingerprint Card Archiving."	
			Federal appropriation	397,000

(3) "Fingerprint Card Scanner." Federal appropriation	160,000		For 1999 disasters - public assistance and hazard mitigation.	
For gun checks in association with firearm ownership. State appropriation		2,156,000	State appropriation	75,000
Section 224. State Civil Service Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the State Civil Service Commission:			For June 2001 storm disaster hazard mitigation. State appropriation	750,000
	Federal	State	For September 2001 disaster relief. State appropriation	500,000
For the general government operations of the Civil Service Commission, including administration of the merit system for employees under provisions of the Civil Service Act: Provided, That, in addition to the amount hereby appropriated, any money collected by the commission by way of reimbursement under the Civil Service Act shall be paid into the General Fund through the Department of Revenue and shall be credited to this appropriation. State appropriation			For volunteer company grants. No money from this appropriation shall be expended until enabling legislation is enacted. State appropriation	25,000,000
			For the American Red Cross Extended Care Program. State appropriation	500,000
Section 225. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:			Section 226. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission:	
				Federal State
State appropriation		1,000	For the support of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. State appropriation	13,000
Section 225. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:			Section 227. State System of Higher Education.—The following amounts are appropriated to the State System of Higher Education:	
	Federal	State		Federal State
For general government operations of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. State appropriation		7,459,000	For the State System of Higher Education, including the Chancellor's Office. The State System of Higher Education shall report its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or any other recognized authoritative body, as well as applicable policy and standards promulgated by the Commonwealth and the Federal Government. State appropriation	417,222,000
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:			To enhance the recruitment and retention of minority students and faculty. State appropriation	328,000
(1) "Civil Preparedness." Federal appropriation	3,424,000		For McKeever Environmental Learning Center. State appropriation	204,000
(2) "Flash Flood Project - Warning System." Federal appropriation	105,000		For an affirmative action program. State appropriation	1,103,000
(3) "Hazardous Materials Planning and Training." Federal appropriation	469,000		For State System of Higher Education program initiatives, including performance measurement and system-wide technology initiatives. Payment of this appropriation is contingent upon the State System making all articulation agreements with other higher education institutions available on the Internet. State appropriation	15,927,000
(4) "Domestic Preparedness - First Responders." Federal appropriation	23,160,000		Section 228. Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to	
(5) "Homeland Security Activities." Federal appropriation	11,760,000			
For information systems management. State appropriation		1,027,000		
For the office of the State Fire Commissioner. State appropriation		2,140,000		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the office of the State Fire Commissioner:				
(1) "Fire Prevention." Federal appropriation	250,000			
For security and emergency preparedness activities. State appropriation		6,212,000		
For firefighters' memorial flags. State appropriation		10,000		

the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

Federal State

For payment of education assistance grants.
 State appropriation 347,911,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for education assistance grants:

(1) "TANFBG - Education Opportunities."
 Federal appropriation 1,500,000

For matching payments for student aid funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds should be used to maximize the receipt of Federal funds to the fullest extent possible.
 State appropriation 14,472,000

For institutional assistance grants to be allotted by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. No college, university or institution receiving a direct appropriation from the Commonwealth shall be eligible to participate in the institutional assistance grants program.
 State appropriation 38,437,000

For the Horace Mann Bond-Leslie Pinckney Hill Scholarship, and for outreach and recruitment activities at Lincoln and Cheyney Universities related to the scholarship. This appropriation also contains funds for the continuation of support to students currently receiving equal opportunity professional education awards.
 State appropriation 750,000

For agricultural loan forgiveness. Preference shall be given to renewal applicants.
 State appropriation 210,000

For SciTech and Technology Scholarships.
 State appropriation 3,100,000

For administration of the SciTech and Technology Scholarships.
 State appropriation 661,000

For the Cheyney University Keystone Academy.
 State appropriation 2,100,000

Section 229. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:

Federal State

To the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for general government operations of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
 State appropriation 23,682,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) "Division of Historic Preservation."
 Federal appropriation 1,260,000

(2) "Delaware and Lehigh Canal Partnership Program."
 Federal appropriation 250,000

(3) "Surface Mining Review."
 Federal appropriation 125,000

(4) "Environmental Review."
 Federal appropriation 150,000

To undertake maintenance, security and repair needs at historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
 State appropriation 1,000,000

For museum assistance grants.
 State appropriation 4,600,000

Section 230. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority:

Federal State

The following Federal amounts are appropriated for the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority:

(1) "Sewage Projects Revolving Loan Fund."
 Federal appropriation 76,910,000

(2) "Drinking Water Projects Revolving Loan Fund."
 Federal appropriation 46,552,000

Section 231. Environmental Hearing Board.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Environmental Hearing Board:

Federal State

For the Environmental Hearing Board.
 State appropriation 1,764,000

Section 232. Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole:

Federal State

For general government operations of the Board of Probation and Parole.
 State appropriation 76,101,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) "Residential Substance Abuse Treatment."
 Federal appropriation 502,000

For the Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.
 State appropriation 2,815,000

For a drug offenders work program. Such work shall in no case replace jobs protected by a collective bargaining unit.
 State appropriation 244,000

For payments for grants-in-aid to counties for providing improved adult probation services.

State appropriation	20,805,000	State appropriation	290,000
Section 233. Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission:		Salaries and wages of employees of the Chief Clerk and all necessary expenditures to be allocated and disbursed at the direction of the President pro tempore.	
For general government operations of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission.	Federal State	State appropriation	4,800,000
State appropriation	3,461,000	Salaries, wages and expenses of employees of the Senate and expenses of the office of the President pro tempore, including member lodging rental, to be disbursed at the direction of the President pro tempore.	
For public television station grants.		State appropriation	7,236,000
State appropriation	7,771,000	Incidental expenses for payment of maintenance and other expenses of the Senate.	
Section 234. Pennsylvania Securities Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Securities Commission:	Federal State	State appropriation	2,700,000
For general government operations of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission.		For payment of postage.	
State appropriation	2,110,000	State appropriation	1,400,000
Section 235. State Tax Equalization Board.—The following amounts are appropriated to the State Tax Equalization Board:	Federal State	The above appropriations for postage and for incidental expenses shall be paid prior to the payment of such expenses on warrant of the State Treasurer in favor of the Chief Clerk upon the presentation of requisitions for the same: Provided, That the total amount of requisitions for advancements, less the total amount of expenditures made as certified by such officer to the State Treasurer, shall not exceed the amount of the bond of the officer having control of the disbursement from the funds advanced.	
For general government operations of the State Tax Equalization Board.		For contingent expenses (R) and (D). The sum appropriated shall be allocated to the officers and members in the same manner and proportion as the appropriations for contingent expenses contained in section 251 of the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002.	
State appropriation	1,335,000	State appropriation	83,000
Section 236. Health Care Cost Containment Council.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Health Care Cost Containment Council:	Federal State	Upon presentation of requisitions for contingent expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisition as entitled to receive such compensation or expenses.	
For the Health Care Cost Containment Council.		Miscellaneous expenses:	
State appropriation	3,755,000	Mileage and expenses, Senators: In addition to the annual reimbursement for expenses authorized by law for each member of the Senate, each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses, not exceeding the sum of \$2,500 annually, incurred for lodging and meals while away from home on official legislative business, official postage and all other expenses incidental to legislative duties.	
Section 237. State Ethics Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the State Ethics Commission:	Federal State	State appropriation	1,149,000
For the general government operations of the State Ethics Commission.		Legislative printing and expenses, furniture, equipment, renovations and other expenses.	
State appropriation	1,761,000	State appropriation	7,077,000
Section 238. State Employees' Retirement System.—The following amounts are appropriated to the State Employees' Retirement System:	Federal State		
For National Guard employer contributions.			
State appropriation	2,000		
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Section 251. Senate.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Senate:	Federal State		
For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the following purposes:			
Salaries of Senators.			
State appropriation	4,560,000		
Salaries, wages and all necessary expenses of the President of the Senate.			

Upon presentation of requisitions by the Chief Clerk against the appropriations for legislative printing and expenses for expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisitions as entitled to receive such expenses.

For the Computer Services Account (R) and the Computer Services Account (D), including the payment of salaries, wages, operating costs, contracts, equipment, software and other incidental materials and expenses. Such equipment, software and incidental materials may be ordered directly by the supervising member of the caucus computer services office, to the extent each item is less than \$1,000, a copy of the order is forwarded to the Chief Clerk, and all other provisions of the Financial Operating Rules of the Senate, including pricing and services are followed. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the Computer Services Account (R) and the Computer Services Account (D).

State appropriation 9,064,000

For the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Appropriations (R) and the Committee on Appropriations (D) for investigating schools, colleges, universities, correctional institutions, mental hospitals, medical and surgical hospitals, homes and other institutions and agencies supported, in whole or in part, by appropriations from the State Treasury in analyzing reports, expenditures and the general operation and administration of the institutions and agencies, in examining and analyzing requests of the same and of the various departments, boards and commissions of the Commonwealth, and for the collection of data from other states, attending seminars and conferences, and in cooperating and exchanging information with legislative budget and financial committees of other states, and for the necessary clerical assistance and other assistance, travel expenses, member lodging rental and all other expenses deemed necessary by the chairman (R) or the chairman (D), as appropriate, in compiling data and information connected with the work of the Senate in compiling comparative costs and other fiscal data and information for the use of the committee and the Senate during legislative sessions and during the interim between legislative sessions to the discharge of such duties. The committee, upon authorization of the chairman (R), shall have the authority to examine and inspect all properties, equipment, facilities, files, records and accounts of any State office, department,

institution, board, committee, commission or agency or any institution or agency supported, in whole or in part, by appropriation from the State Treasury and to administer oaths. The Committee on Appropriations may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of the chairman (R) to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to cause the deposition of witnesses either residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions. Upon presentation of requisitions by the Chief Clerk for such compensation or expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisition as entitled to receive such compensation or expenses. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited in separate accounts for the Committee on Appropriations (R) and the Committee on Appropriations (D).

State appropriation 6,800,000

For the Leadership Operations Account (R) and the Leadership Operations Account (D) for payment of salaries, wages and all other incidental expenses incurred in hiring personnel and staff for services which, in the opinion of the Floor Leader (R) or the Floor Leader (D) as may be appropriate, may be required or arise during legislative sessions and during the interim between legislative sessions and for the payment of all other expenses, including member lodging rental, related to the performance of Senate duties and responsibilities. Upon presentation of requisitions by the Chief Clerk for such compensation or expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisition as entitled to receive such compensation or expenses. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the Leadership Operations Account (R) and the Leadership Operations Account (D).

State appropriation 18,340,000

For allocation in such amounts as may be designated by the Legislative Management Committee (R) or the Legislative Management Committee (D) as appropriate to the several standing committees and support offices (other than the Committee on Appropriations) for payment of compensation of counsel, research assistants and other staff personnel hired to assist the members of the Senate or its standing committees as appropriate and for other necessary

Senate expenses incurred. Upon presentation of requisitions by the Chief Clerk for such compensation or expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisition as entitled to receive such compensation or expenses. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited in separate accounts for the Legislative Management Committee (R) and the Legislative Management Committee (D).

State appropriation 11,356,000

All appropriations made in this act or in any other fiscal year to any account of the Senate remaining unexpended and unencumbered on the effective date of this part, may be transferred by the Committee on Management Operations, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, in its discretion, to such Senate accounts as the committee deems necessary. Such power to transfer appropriations shall be limited to the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

For the Chief Clerk of the Senate for the purchase of Pennsylvania and National flags to be sent to residents of Pennsylvania.

State appropriation 24,000

Section 252. House of Representatives.—The following amounts are appropriated to the House of Representatives:

For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the following purposes:

Salaries of Representatives and extra compensation to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

State appropriation 19,222,000

For the salaries of House employees (R) and House employees (D). The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into separate accounts for the House employees (R) and House employees (D).

State appropriation 22,502,000

For the operation of the Speaker's Office.

State appropriation 897,000

Bipartisan Management Committee, Chief Clerk and Comptroller.

State appropriation 7,959,000

Mileage:

Representatives, officers and employees.

State appropriation 200,000

Postage:

Chief Clerk and Legislative Journal.

State appropriation 1,500,000

For contingent expenses (R) and (D). The sum appropriated shall be allocated to the officers and members in the same manner and proportion as

appropriations for contingent expenses contained in section 252 of the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002.

State appropriation 761,000

The above appropriations for postage and for contingent expenses shall be paid prior to the payment of such expenses on warrant of the State Treasurer in favor of the officers above named upon the presentation of their requisitions for the same: Provided, That the total amount of requisitions for advancements, less the total amount of expenditures made as certified by such officers to the State Treasurer, shall not exceed the amount of the bond of the officer having control of the disbursement from the funds advanced.

Miscellaneous expenses:

Legislative Office for Research Liaison.

State appropriation 622,000

Incidental expenses.

State appropriation 6,845,000

Expenses - Representatives: In addition to annual reimbursement for expenses heretofore authorized by law for each member of the House of Representatives, each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses, not exceeding the sum of \$2,500 annually, incurred for lodging and meals while away from home on official legislative business, official postage, staff and all other expenses incidental to legislative duties.

State appropriation 3,100,000

Legislative printing and expenses.

State appropriation 14,000,000

Members' home office expenses.

State appropriation 2,033,000

Attending National Legislative Conference - expenses.

State appropriation 194,000

The above appropriation for attending National Legislative Conference meetings and for attending meetings of the Council of State Governments shall be paid to the Chief Clerk of the House in the same manner and under the same conditions as the appropriations for postage and contingent expenses above.

For the payment of the expenses of the Committee on Appropriations (R) and the Committee on Appropriations (D) of the House of Representatives in investigating schools, colleges, universities, correctional institutions, mental hospitals, medical and surgical hospitals, homes and other institutions and agencies supported, in whole or in part, by appropriations from the State Treasury in analyzing reports, expenditures and the general operation and administration of the institutions and

agencies in examining and analyzing requests of the same and of the various departments, boards and commissions of the Commonwealth, and for the collection of data from other states, attending seminars and conferences, and in cooperating and exchanging information with legislative budget and financial committees of other states, and any office expenses necessary to serve the committee and its chairman (R) and chairman (D), as appropriate, and for the necessary clerical assistance and other assistance, travel expenses and all other expenses deemed necessary by the chairman (R) or chairman (D), as appropriate, in compiling data and information connected with the work of the committee in compiling comparative cost and other fiscal data and information for the use of the committee and the House of Representatives during legislative sessions and during the interim between legislative sessions to the discharge of such duties. The standing committee shall have the authority to examine and inspect all properties, equipment, facilities, files, records and accounts of any State office, department, institution, board, committee, commission or agency or any institution or agency supported, in whole or in part, by appropriation from the State Treasury and to administer oaths. The portion designated below of the sum appropriated shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer in favor of the majority chairman of the committee and the member designated by a majority vote of the House of Representatives Caucus (D), respectively, on the presentation of his requisition for the same. The Majority Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and the member designated by a majority vote of the House of Representatives Caucus (D), respectively, shall, not later than 30 days after the termination of his term of office or until his successor is elected and also within 30 days after the adjournment of any regular or special session, file an account, together with supporting documents whenever possible, in the appropriate majority or minority caucus office of the Committee on Appropriations, of the committee's expenses since the filing of the prior account. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into separate accounts for the Committee on Appropriations (R) and the Committee on Appropriations (D).

State appropriation 3,890,000

The Committee on Appropriations may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of the Majority Chairman to compel the attendance of witnesses and the

production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to cause the deposition of witnesses either residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions.

For the payment to the Special Leadership Account (R) and the Special Leadership Account (D) for payment of salaries, wages and all other incidental expenses incurred in hiring personnel and staff or for services, which, in the opinion of the Majority Leader or Minority Leader respectively, may be required or arise during legislative sessions and during the interim between legislative sessions and for the payment of all other expenses related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities. The portion designated below of the sum appropriated shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer in favor of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, respectively, on the presentation of his requisition for the same. The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, respectively, shall, not later than 30 days after the termination of his term of office or until his successor is elected and also within 30 days after the adjournment of any regular or special session, file an account, together with supporting documents whenever possible, in the office of the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, respectively, of such expenses since the filing of the prior account. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the Special Leadership Account (R) and the Special Leadership Account (D).

State appropriation 24,658,000

For allocation in such amounts as may be designated by the Legislative Management Committee (R) or the Legislative Management Committee (D), as appropriate, to the several standing committees (other than the Committee on Appropriations) of the House for payment of compensation of counsel, research assistants and other staff personnel hired and assigned to work on behalf of the chairman and the majority members of such standing committees and on behalf of the minority members of such standing committees of the House and for other necessary expenses incurred. Upon presentation of requisitions by the Chief Clerk of the House for such compensation or expenses, such shall be paid on warrant of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the persons designated in such requisitions as entitled to receive such compensation or expenses. An accounting, together with supporting

documents whenever possible, shall be filed in the office of the Chief Clerk of such expenses since the filing of the prior account. The sum appropriated shall be divided equally by the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the Legislative Management Committee Account (R) and the Legislative Management Committee Account (D).

State appropriation 28,114,000

All appropriations made in this act or in any other fiscal year to any account of the House of Representatives remaining unexpended and unencumbered on the effective date of this part, may be transferred by the Bipartisan Management Committee, in its discretion, to such House accounts as the committee deems necessary. Such power to transfer appropriations shall be limited to the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

For the Commonwealth Emergency Medical System.

State appropriation 35,000

For the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for the purchase of Pennsylvania and National flags to be sent to residents of Pennsylvania.

State appropriation 24,000

For information and other technology.

State appropriation 14,000,000

For the school for new members.

State appropriation 15,000

Section 253. Legislative Reference Bureau.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Legislative Reference Bureau:

For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the work of the Legislative Reference Bureau, including the Code and Bulletin Section.

The Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, advance copies of statutes, volumes of the Laws of Pennsylvania and other publications shall be printed under contracts entered into by the Legislative Reference Bureau (without the intervention of any other State agency or officer and without regard to any other statute regulating printing contracts) and distributed (without regard to any other statute regulating distribution of laws) as determined by the bureau, and moneys from sales shall be paid to the bureau or the Department of General Services, as the bureau shall determine, which shall pay the same into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Such moneys are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Reference Bureau for the editing, printing and distribution of such publications and related expenses.

State appropriation 6,783,000

For contingent expenses connected with the work of the Legislative

Reference Bureau to be paid on warrants of the State Treasurer in favor of the director on the presentation of his requisitions for the same. The director shall file an accounting of the expenses, together with supporting documents whenever possible, in the office of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

State appropriation 20,000

For the Pennsylvania Bulletin and Pennsylvania Code and related expenses.

State appropriation 595,000

Section 254. Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee:

For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the work of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee upon presentation of requisitions for the same from the chairman to be paid on warrants of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the person named in the requisitions.

State appropriation 2,250,000

Section 255. Legislative Data Processing Committee.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Legislative Data Processing Committee:

For the operation of the Legislative Data Processing Center upon presentation of requisitions for the same from the chairman to be paid on warrants of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the person named in the requisitions.

State appropriation 3,751,000

Section 256. Joint State Government Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Joint State Government Commission:

For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the work of the Joint State Government Commission upon presentation of requisitions for the same from the chairman to be paid on warrants of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the person named in the requisition.

State appropriation 1,764,000

Section 257. Local Government Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Local Government Commission:

For the salaries, wages and all expenses necessary for the work of the Local Government Commission upon presentation of requisitions for the same from the chairman to be paid on warrants of the State Treasurer directly to and in favor of the person named in the requisitions.

State appropriation 979,000

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State appropriation 979,000

from any other appropriation or fund may be utilized to supplement this appropriation.				For vouchered expenses for active judges.		
State appropriation	14,487,000			State appropriation		237,000
For court management education for the unified judicial system.				Section 283. Commonwealth Court.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Commonwealth Court:		
State appropriation	157,000				Federal	State
For the Civil Procedural Rules Committee.				For the salaries of judges, for the salaries and expenses of employees and for home office expenses. Senior judges working as active or senior judges a minimum of 75 days in the prior calendar year are to receive health benefits.		
State appropriation	423,000			State appropriation		16,019,000
For the Appellate Court/Orphans' Court Rules Committee.				For vouchered expenses for active judges.		
State appropriation	180,000			State appropriation		143,000
For the Rules of Evidence Committee.				Section 284. Courts of common pleas.—The following amounts are appropriated to the courts of common pleas:		
State appropriation	169,000				Federal	State
For the Minor Court Rules Committee.				For the courts of common pleas: including the salaries and expenses of judges, including the expenses of traveling judges, including the mileage in divided judicial districts, and the payment of a per diem salary, mileage and miscellaneous expenses to active visiting judges for the performance of their official duties. No printing, postage, telephone and supplies may be paid for from this appropriation. No expenses of any kind relating to education may be paid from this appropriation.		
State appropriation	178,000			State appropriation		64,274,000
For the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee.				For senior judges of the courts of common pleas. Senior judges working as active or senior judges a minimum of 75 days in the prior calendar year are to receive health benefits. Senior judges shall not be assigned unless adequate funds are available in this appropriation to provide compensation. Any senior judge assigned in excess of existing funding shall be compensated from the appropriation for the Supreme Court.		
State appropriation	415,000			State appropriation		3,879,000
For the Domestic Relations Committee.				For common pleas judicial education.		
State appropriation	196,000			State appropriation		727,000
For the Juvenile Court Rules Committee.				For the Ethics Committee.		
State appropriation	198,000			State appropriation		40,000
For the Court Administrator, including the expenses of the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania and the District Justice Administrator. Funds from this appropriation may be used for the operation of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners. All funds so spent shall be repaid in full to the administrative office of the Pennsylvania courts without interest or charges from the augmenting revenues of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners.				Section 285. Community courts - district justices.—The following amounts are appropriated to the community courts and district justices:		
State appropriation	7,189,000				Federal	State
For the Integrated Criminal Justice System.				For the salaries and expenses of community court judges and district justices. Senior judges working a minimum number of days provided by the Supreme Court are to receive health benefits. Except for those printing costs relating to 42 Pa.C.S. § 3532 (relating to expenses), no other printing, postage, telephone and supplies may be paid for		
State appropriation	1,999,000					
Section 282. Superior Court.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Superior Court:						
		Federal	State			
For the salaries and expenses of the Superior Court: including the salary of the Superior Court judges, for panelization of judges program, for criers, tipstaves, official stenographers, home office expenses, court officers and law secretary of the president judge and Workers' Compensation Insurance Premiums for all employees of the Superior Court, for the prothonotary's office in the Philadelphia District, including salaries and compensation for employees, including the expenses of dockets, stationery, supplies, books for the library and other costs of the Superior Court and its offices. Senior judges working as active or senior judges a minimum of 75 days in the prior calendar year are to receive health benefits.						
State appropriation	25,733,000					

from this appropriation. No expenses of any kind relating to education may be paid from this appropriation.

State appropriation 52,364,000

For district justices' education.

State appropriation 605,000

Section 286. Philadelphia Traffic Court.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Philadelphia Traffic Court:

Federal State

For the salaries and expenses of judges. Senior judges working as active or senior judges a minimum of 75 days in the prior calendar year are to receive health benefits.

State appropriation 747,000

Section 287. Philadelphia Municipal Court.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Philadelphia Municipal Court:

Federal State

For the salaries and expenses of judges. Senior judges working as active or senior judges a minimum of 75 days in the prior calendar year are to receive health benefits.

State appropriation 4,855,000

For law clerks.

State appropriation 39,000

To provide prompt service and support for victims of domestic violence.

State appropriation 204,000

Section 288. Judicial Conduct Board.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Judicial Conduct Board:

Federal State

For salaries and expenses of the Judicial Conduct Board.

State appropriation 1,094,000

Section 289. Court of Judicial Discipline.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Court of Judicial Discipline:

Federal State

For salaries and expenses of the Court of Judicial Discipline.

State appropriation 433,000

Section 290. Juror cost reimbursement.—The following amounts are appropriated for juror cost reimbursement:

Federal State

For juror cost reimbursement.

State appropriation 1,369,000

Section 291. County court reimbursement.—The following amounts are appropriated for court costs:

Federal State

For payment to counties as reimbursement for costs incurred by counties in the administration and operation of courts of common pleas during calendar year 2002. Reimbursement shall be provided on the following basis: for each common pleas court judge authorized position, whether

filled or vacant within a judicial district, \$70,000 per authorized position shall be provided. Judicial districts comprising more than one county shall be entitled to receive \$70,000 per authorized common pleas court judge position; the amount payable to each county shall be determined by the proportion of the individual county's population in relation to the population of the entire judicial district. No county shall be reimbursed for costs above the actual direct costs, excluding capital outlays, incurred by them for the operation of the courts of common pleas. For the purposes of reimbursement for common pleas court judge authorized positions, no county shall receive less than 77.5% of the actual reimbursement for court costs provided to them from funds appropriated for the fiscal year July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981.

All payments for reimbursement shall be made to the county treasurer and, in cities of the first class coterminous with counties of the first class, to the city treasurer.

State appropriation 32,196,000

For senior judge operational support grants. Funds from this appropriation shall be distributed as provided by statute.

State appropriation 2,500,000

PART III

STATE LOTTERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Section 301. Department of Aging.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Aging:

Federal State

For audit costs for the Lottery Fund.

State appropriation 105,000

For PENNCARE for older Pennsylvanians, for the purpose of developing, operating and purchasing services for the aged and other adults, including, but not limited to, model projects, community care services, audits of area agencies on aging, protective services and counseling services. No funds from this appropriation shall be used for costs of administration by the Department of Aging.

State appropriation 206,587,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for PENNCARE:

(1) "Programs for the Aging - Title III."

Federal appropriation 52,000,000

(2) "Programs for the Aging - Nutrition."

Federal appropriation 10,000,000

(3) "Programs for the Aging - Title V."

Federal appropriation 5,250,000

(4) "Programs for the Aging - Title VII."

<p>Federal appropriation 3,500,000</p> <p>(5) “Medical Assistance - Attendant Care.”</p> <p>Federal appropriation 3,529,000</p> <p>(6) “Medical Assistance - Support.”</p> <p>Federal appropriation 8,488,000</p> <p>(7) “Older Refugee Services.”</p> <p>Federal appropriation 125,000</p> <p>For transfer from the State Lottery Fund to the Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund.</p> <p>State appropriation 370,000,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART IV ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ASSISTANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>Section 401. Department of Environmental Protection.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For energy conservation programs under the provisions of the Energy Conservation and Assistance Act. At least 75% of these funds must be used for those programs listed as priorities in section 7(b) of the act of July 10, 1986 (P.L.1398, No.122), known as the Energy Conservation and Assistance Act.</p> <p>State appropriation 38,000</p> <p>Section 402. Department of Public Welfare.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Public Welfare:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For supplemental assistance under the Energy Conservation and Assistance Act.</p> <p>State appropriation 113,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART V JUDICIAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AUGMENTATION ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>Section 501. Supreme Court.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Supreme Court:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For the Statewide Judicial Computer System. The Supreme Court and the Court Administrator are prohibited from augmenting this amount by billings to other appropriations to the judicial branch for the Statewide Judicial Computer System or for any other purpose.</p> <p>State appropriation 44,863,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART VI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATING FUND APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>Section 601. Department of Health.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Health:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For emergency medical services.</p> <p>State appropriation 11,102,000</p> <p>For Catastrophic Medical and Rehabilitation Program.</p>	<p>State appropriation 3,000,000</p> <p>Section 602. Department of Public Welfare.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Public Welfare:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For head injury support.</p> <p>State appropriation 478,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART VII STATE STORES FUND APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>Section 701. Pennsylvania State Police.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For liquor control enforcement operational expenses.</p> <p>State appropriation 19,113,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART VIII MOTOR LICENSE FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2003-2004 SUBPART A MOTOR LICENSE FUND</p> <p>Section 801. Department of Transportation.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Transportation:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal State</p> <p>For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the proper administration of the Department of Transportation, including the State Transportation Commission and the State Transportation Advisory Committee and the Statewide coordination of municipal services.</p> <p>State appropriation 48,657,000</p> <p>For advanced highway maintenance technologies and intelligent transportation systems.</p> <p>State appropriation 17,100,000</p> <p>For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the operation of the Highway and Safety Improvement Programs, including planning and research, design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and the operation of the engineering district facilities and liaison services with communities on local road engineering and construction activities.</p> <p>State appropriation 150,000,000</p> <p>For security walls pilot projects.</p> <p>State appropriation 10,000,000</p> <p>For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the administration and operation of the maintenance program for State roads, bridges, tunnels and structures, including the operation of the county maintenance district facilities. At least \$4,000,000 shall be used for the installation and maintenance of raised reflective pavement markers on interstate and similar highways and for installation and maintenance of such markers on other State roads at locations determined by the Department of Transportation. The \$4,000,000 may be drawn from both</p>
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the highway and safety improvement and maintenance appropriations.			State appropriation	450,000
State appropriation	651,000,000		Refunding liquid fuels tax - to the Boat Fund for the use of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for the improvement of the waters of Pennsylvania on which motorboats are permitted to operate.	
For a Statewide pavement preservation program.			State appropriation	3,000,000
State appropriation	50,000,000		For the payment of principal and interest requirements on general obligation bonds issued for transportation projects.	
For reinvestment in Department of Transportation facilities.			State appropriation	29,722,000
State appropriation	9,540,000		For payment of principal and interest requirements on general obligation bonds issued for public improvements.	
For the salaries, wages and all necessary expenses for the administration of the Traffic Safety Program and the administration and operation of the Operator and Vehicle Registration Programs.			State appropriation	8,964,000
State appropriation	130,529,000		For payment of the compensation of the Commonwealth's loan and transfer agent for services and expenses in connection with the registration, transfer and payment of interest on bonds of the Commonwealth and other services required to be performed by the loan and transfer agent.	
For payments to municipalities to assist in maintenance and construction costs of roads.			State appropriation	50,000
State appropriation	189,239,000		Section 804. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:	
For supplemental payments to municipalities to assist in maintenance and construction costs of roads in accordance with 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 93 (relating to supplemental funding for municipal highway maintenance).			Federal State	
State appropriation	5,000,000		For the maintenance and mitigation of dust and sediment pollution from forestry roads.	
Section 802. Executive Offices.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Executive Offices:			State appropriation	1,000,000
Federal State			Section 805. Department of Education.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Education:	
For comptroller operations related to the Motor License Fund.			Federal State	
State appropriation	5,485,000		For administration of the school safe driving program and for payments to school districts or joint school organizations for driver education courses.	
For the Statewide Public Safety Radio System.			State appropriation	1,230,000
State appropriation	5,856,000		Section 806. Department of Environmental Protection.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection:	
Section 803. Treasury Department.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Treasury Department:			Federal State	
Federal State			To the State Conservation Commission for the maintenance and improvement of dirt and gravel roads.	
For the payment of salaries, wages and all necessary expenses in the proper administration of the program to refund liquid fuels taxes to which the Commonwealth is not entitled.			State appropriation	4,000,000
State appropriation	461,000		Section 807. Department of General Services.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of General Services:	
For payment of refunds of liquid fuels taxes for agricultural use to which the Commonwealth is not entitled.			Federal State	
State appropriation	4,500,000		For payment of tort claims.	
For the payment of approved claims for the refunding of liquid fuels taxes and fuel use taxes to which the Commonwealth is not entitled.			State appropriation	20,000,000
State appropriation	650,000		Section 808. Department of Revenue.—The following amounts are	
For the payment of approved claims for the refunding of emergency liquid fuels tax moneys to which the Commonwealth is not entitled.				
State appropriation	1,000			
Refunding liquid fuels tax - political subdivision use.				
State appropriation	3,800,000			
Refunding liquid fuels tax - volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads.				

appropriated to the Department of Revenue:			For training programs for hazardous material response teams.		
	Federal	State	State appropriation		417,000
For administration and enforcement of various Motor License Fund tax regulations.			For grants to support counties' activities.		
State appropriation		13,237,000	State appropriation		824,000
Section 809. Pennsylvania State Police.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police:			For public and facility owner education, information and participation programs.		
	Federal	State	State appropriation		117,000
For transfer to the General Fund to finance the Traffic Control and the Traffic Safety Facilities Program of the Pennsylvania State Police.			PART X MILK MARKETING FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
State appropriation		314,965,000	Section 1001. Milk Marketing Board.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Milk Marketing Board:	Federal	State
For the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network.			For the operation of the Milk Marketing Board.		
State appropriation		30,000,000	State appropriation		2,567,000
For transfer to the General Fund to finance the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.			PART XI HOME INVESTMENT TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
State appropriation		4,243,000	Section 1101. Department of Community and Economic Development.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Community and Economic Development:	Federal	State
For transfer to the General Fund to finance adequate replacement patrol vehicles.			For administration of the Home Program.		
State appropriation		5,882,000	State appropriation		1,000,000
SUBPART B AVIATION RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT			PART XII TUITION PAYMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
Section 821. Department of Transportation.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Transportation:	Federal	State	Section 1201. Treasury Department.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Treasury Department:	Federal	State
For payment for aviation operations, including the operation and maintenance of State-owned aircraft, payment of general expenses, supplies, printing and equipment; for the development and maintenance of State airports and the maintenance and repair of landing fields, intermediate landing fields, landing field equipment, beacon sites and other navigation facilities; and for the encouragement and development of civil aeronautics.			For the operation of the Tuition Account Program Bureau. However, no money deposited with the Treasury Department for the purchase of tuition credits can be used for the administration of the program.		
State appropriation		5,799,000	State appropriation		922,000
For airport development.			PART XIII BANKING DEPARTMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
State appropriation		17,000,000	Section 1301. Department of Banking.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Banking:	Federal	State
For real estate tax rebate payments to privately owned public use airports.			For general government operations of the Department of Banking.		
State appropriation		250,000	State appropriation		10,825,000
PART IX HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND APPROPRIATIONS			Section 1302. Department of General Services.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of General Services:		
Section 901. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:	Federal	State	For Harristown rental charges.		
			State appropriation		139,000
For general administration and operational expenses, including expenses of the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Advisory Committee.			For Harristown utility and municipal charges.		
State appropriation		117,000	State appropriation		199,000

PART XIV
FIREARM RECORDS CHECK FUND
APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1401. Pennsylvania State Police.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police:

	Federal	State
For activities associated with the purchase of firearms by individuals.		
State appropriation		2,370,000

PART XV
BEN FRANKLIN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1501. Department of Community and Economic Development.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Community and Economic Development:

	Federal	State
For the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund. No more than \$1,362,000 may be used for administration.		
State appropriation		55,485,000

PART XVI
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND

Section 1601. Tobacco Settlement Board.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Tobacco Settlement Board:

	Federal	State
For the general government operations of the Tobacco Settlement Board.		
State appropriation		276,000

Amend Bill, page 215, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
SUBPART A
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1801. State appropriations.—The following sums set forth in this part, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from the General Fund to the several hereinafter named agencies of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the payment of salaries, wages or other compensation and travel expenses of the duly elected or appointed officers and employees of the Commonwealth, for the payment of fees for contractual services rendered, for the purchase or rental of goods and services, printing, public advertising by or through any medium, equipment, land and buildings and for payment of any other expenses, as provided by law or by this act, necessary for the proper conduct of the duties, functions and activities and for the purposes hereinafter set forth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

Section 1802. Federal augmentation appropriations.—The following Federal augmentation appropriations set forth in this part, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from the Federal augmentation funds to the several hereinafter named agencies of the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the payment of the expenses of implementing and carrying out the programs stated herein for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. Unless otherwise stated, the appropriations include any carryovers from the prior fiscal year.

SUBPART B
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Section 1811. Executive Offices.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Executive Offices:

	Federal	State
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency:		
(1) “Plan for Juvenile Justice.”		
Federal appropriation	465,000	
(2) “TANFBG - Stop Violence Against Women.”		
Federal appropriation	2,246,000	
Section 1812. Department of Aging.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Aging:		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for Alzheimer’s outreach:		
(1) “Memory Loss Screening Program.”		
Federal appropriation	350,000	
Section 1813. Department of Corrections.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Corrections:		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State correctional institutions:		
(1) “RSAT - Drug Treatment.”		
Federal appropriation	2,566,000	
Section 1814. Department of Education.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Education:		
The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for teacher professional development:		
(1) “For Teacher Recruitment.”		
Federal appropriation	440,000	
(2) “For Teacher Quality Enhancement.”		
Federal appropriation	4,676,000	
For payments for Early Intervention Services.		
State appropriation		107,725,000
For grants to school districts to assist in meeting Federal matching requirements for grants received under the Federal Child Nutrition Act and to aid in providing a food program for needy children.		
State appropriation		25,800,000
For payment of approved operating and capital expenses of community colleges. An independent audit report for the preceding fiscal year, which is consistent with the generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the		

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, or by their successors, or by any other recognized authoritative body, and the financial reporting policies and standards promulgated by the Commonwealth and by the Federal Government that apply to community colleges, shall be submitted by each community college to the Department of Education not later than 120 days after the close of the preceding fiscal year. The Department of Education may withhold whatever funds appropriated herein it feels necessary to ensure that such audit reports are submitted in the prescribed fashion.

State appropriation 210,277,000
 Section 1815. Department of Health.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Health:

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) “Environmental Public Health Tracking.”
 Federal appropriation 596,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State health care centers:

(1) “Lake Erie Beach Monitoring.”
 Federal appropriation 211,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for cancer control programs:

(1) “Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.”
 Federal appropriation 3,155,000

For renal dialysis services.
 State appropriation 8,555,000

Section 1816. Department of Public Welfare.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Public Welfare:

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for information systems:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Information Systems.”
 Federal appropriation 64,129,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for the State centers for the mentally retarded:

(1) “Medicare Services - State Centers.”
 Federal appropriation 738,000

For cash assistance grants including employment and training and child care services for cash assistance recipients and child care services for former cash assistance recipients.

State appropriation 304,674,000

For supplemental grants to the aged, blind and disabled.
 State appropriation 149,608,000

For medical assistance payments - outpatient services, exclusive of outpatient services provided through capitation plans. The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services. No less than \$150,000 shall be used for a youth drug and alcohol program.

State appropriation 516,832,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - outpatient:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Outpatient.” The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

Federal appropriation 830,110,000

For medical assistance payments - inpatient, exclusive of inpatient services provided through capitation plans.

State appropriation 407,104,000
 The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - inpatient services:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Inpatient.”
 Federal appropriation 494,109,000

For medical assistance payments - capitation plans. For provision of outpatient services and inpatient hospital services to eligible persons enrolled in an approved capitation plan. No part of this appropriation shall be used to pay any provider who has not supplied information in such form as required by the department in order to facilitate claims for Federal financial participation for services rendered to general assistance clients. The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services. Whenever medical assistance recipients enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare’s prepaid capitation program receive medically necessary emergency services, including, but not limited to, emergency transportation services and poststabilization inpatient hospital services, provided by noncontracting service providers, such services shall be paid for by the contractor at the payment rates adopted by the department for equivalent services provided under the department’s fee-for-service program.

State appropriation 1,867,646,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - capitation plans:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Capitation.” The Department of Public Welfare shall not require a recipient to obtain a physician referral in order to receive chiropractic services.

Federal appropriation 2,484,679,000
 For medical assistance - long-term care.

State appropriation 358,744,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for long-term care:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Long-Term Care.”

Federal appropriation 2,200,440,000

No funds from any medical assistance appropriation shall be used to pay for services under medical assistance for any child under 21 years of age who has a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) level of disability and whose parental income is not currently considered in the eligibility determination process, unless the custodial parent or legally responsible adult has provided to the Department of Public Welfare, at application or redetermination, information as required by the department for inclusion in an annual report. Income information provided by the custodial parent or legally responsible adult shall not be considered by the department when determining or continuing eligibility for medical assistance benefits for a child with an SSI level of disability. The department shall submit to the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health and Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives an annual report including, but not limited to, the following data: family size, household income, county of residence, length of residence in Pennsylvania, third-party insurance information, diagnosis and the type and cost of services paid for by the medical assistance program on behalf of each eligible and enrolled child that has an SSI level of disability and where parental income is not currently considered in the eligibility determination process.

Any rule, regulation or policy for the State or Federal appropriations for the cash assistance, outpatient, inpatient, capitation, long-term care, services to persons with disabilities and Supplemental Grants to the Aged, Blind and Disabled programs adopted by the Secretary of Public Welfare during the fiscal period 2002-2003 which add to the cost of any public assistance program shall be effective only from and after the date upon which it is approved as to the availability of funds by the Governor.

For medical assistance - transportation.

State appropriation 32,380,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for medical assistance - transportation:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Transportation.”

Federal appropriation 28,622,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds shall be utilized as payment of last resort for transportation services for eligible medical assistance recipients.

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for attendant care services:

(1) “Medical Assistance - Attendant Care.”

Federal appropriation 24,202,000

Section 1817. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:

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The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for general government operations:

(1) “Environmental Review.”

Federal appropriation 245,000

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MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR 2002-2003

Section 1891. Prior laws unaffected.—This act is not intended to be inconsistent with or to repeal any provision of any act enacted at this or any prior session of the General Assembly regulating the purchase of supplies, the ordering of printing and binding, the purchase, maintenance and use of automobiles, the method of making payments from the State Treasury for any purpose or the functioning of any administrative department, board or commission.

Section 1892. Compliance with other law before funds available.—No appropriation made by this part to any department, board, commission or agency of the Executive Department shall be available unless and until the department, board, commission or agency has complied with sections 615 and 616 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 1893. Contracts prerequisite to encumbering or committing funds.—Funds for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment shall not be deemed to be committed or encumbered until contracts covering the purchase have been entered into with the vendors.

Section 1894. Minority business set-asides.—(a) Each department or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth listed in Subpart B authorized to contract for buildings, highways, commodities, equipment, supplies or services shall report to the General Assembly all information pertinent to anticipated procurement needs at the beginning of each fiscal year and each fiscal quarter thereafter.

(b) As used in this section, the term “minority business” means a minority business enterprise as defined in the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.598, No.206), known as the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority Act.

Section 1895. Appropriation of funds from miscellaneous sources.—(a) In addition to the amounts appropriated by this part, moneys received in payment for food and household supplies furnished to employees and other persons, except inmates, by an institution, and moneys received from the proceeds from the sale of any products of the soil, meats, livestock, timber or other materials sold by the department shall be paid into the General Fund and are hereby appropriated out of

the General Fund to the several respective institutions for the operation and maintenance of the institutions.

(b) In addition to the amounts appropriated by this part, all moneys received from any other source, except the Federal Government, as contributions for the programs provided herein or as payment for services or materials furnished by one institution to another, except those collections designated as revenues, shall be paid into the General Fund and are hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for the purposes of the respective appropriations.

(c) In addition to any funds specifically appropriated by this part, all moneys received by a department or agency of the Commonwealth from any other sources, except the Federal Government, as contributions or supplements to the department or agency for a program or administration of an act included in this part shall be paid into the General Fund and credited to the appropriation for that program or administration of the act.

Section 1896. Lapsing of unused funds.—Except as otherwise provided by law, that part of all appropriations in Part XVIII unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered as of June 30, 2003, shall automatically lapse as of that date.

Section 1897. Construction with prior appropriation acts.—Any appropriation in Subpart B of this part which is the same or similar to any appropriation in the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002, shall replace that appropriation.

Section 1898. Deduction of expended appropriations under prior law. Any money which has been appropriated and expended under the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002, shall be deducted from the corresponding appropriation in this part.

Amend Sec. 2006, page 220, lines 3 through 5, by striking out all of lines 3 and 4, “(c)” in line 5 and inserting

(b)

Amend Bill, page 221, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

Section 2010. Repeal.—(a) Section 2011 of the act of June 29, 2002 (P.L.2106, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2002, is repealed.

(b) Any transfers made pursuant to former section 2011 of that act shall be null and void.

(c) This section shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2003.

Amend Sec. 2101, page 221, line 22, by inserting after “XVIII” and section 2010

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. ARGALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is actually this: Governor Rendell’s budget as proposed to us on Tuesday with a few clarifications, which I would now like to explain. The first and perhaps one of the most significant is that the Governor told us that a mistake was made in accidentally deleting \$1 million in funding for breast and cervical cancer screening for low-income women. We, of course, are putting that back in.

Secondly, the Governor – and I strongly support this – has added additional dollars to a very successful program within DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) known to many of us as the Opportunity Grant Program. We are adding language just to be sure that those additional dollars will be spent in line with new regulations that will need to be promulgated in regard to the excess, the new dollars. This is a good program, and I believe that we will all want to strongly support the Governor’s suggestion in that way.

It also seeks to ensure that each of the following line items will receive the same amount of funding in the next budget year as they do in this budget year – basic education funding to your local school districts, special education, charter school reimbursements, approved private schools, charter schools for the deaf and blind, and your community colleges.

Also, in line with the basic education funding, language is added in this amendment to provide that prior to receiving any basic education funding, any subsidy funding, school districts with an increase in real property taxes in 2003-2004 must provide certification to the Department of Education that their estimated ending unreserved fund balances are less than or equal to 8 percent of their budgeted expenses. We believe that school districts should not stockpile unreserved funds at local or State taxpayer expense, especially in a difficult budget year like this one.

We also sought to clarify that language would be added to provide that funds going to the Philadelphia School District will be distributed under the existing terms of agreements currently in effect. In other words, the School Reform Commission will get the same allocation of funds that they received this year.

We also made a clarification that the appropriations for the House and the Senate will be level funded, as suggested by the Governor on Tuesday, and combined into one line. The State Treasurer will then have the authority to release those dollars.

Finally, the last clarification, as also suggested by the Governor, the language in the 2002-2003 general appropriations act that transfers \$300 million to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund is repealed, thereby leaving the remaining \$250 million in our General Fund.

On Tuesday our Governor told each of us the time for action is now. Let me repeat that. The time for action is now. I believe the Governor.

For many years many of you will recall that the members of this House have voted, often unanimously, to cut back the layers of bureaucracy. The general government line items that so many of us have amended, this Governor has followed the will of this House and slashed over \$200 million in those line items in needless bureaucracy. This Governor deserves our bipartisan support to do just that.

He also deserves our bipartisan support in another way. As you know, the House and Senate leadership have agreed to his suggestion that he return here on March 25. As soon as we receive his second part of this budget, the Appropriations Committee and I will work with this Governor in a bipartisan manner to review each and every one of his new suggestions at a series of meetings and public hearings. He deserves nothing less.

Finally, let me attempt just to answer the “Why now?” question that continues to reverberate within this chamber. The academic literature on the science of budgeting as well as simple common sense tells each of us that the longer that we delay a difficult budget situation, we can only make it worse. We saw that happen in 1977, delay after delay, motion after motion, filibuster after filibuster. We saw the same thing happen in 1991.

I am asking today, with this amendment for this budget as proposed by Governor Rendell, for a strong bipartisan vote for this budget to greatly reduce the risks of massive tax increases later this year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair returns to leaves of absence and places the gentleman, Mr. McILHINNEY, from Bucks County on leave for the remainder of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 648 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the question of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, you just heard the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee just describe to you some historical perspective, and the one thing I would like to do is kind of give my historical perspective about how long I have been around with the Appropriations Committee. I have been on the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Speaker, since 1982. I am the longest sitting member on the House Appropriations Committee. I have been chairman of the committee when the Democrats were in charge in 1990, the majority chair from 1990 to 1994. I have been the ranking Democrat in that period of time; for 13 years I have been in the position as the chairman of that particular committee. So I have been around on this committee an awful long time.

But what I would like to read to you, because both sides have very good research people – that side has good research people; we have good research people – and we all have a way of researching what has been in the past, and I would like to read to you something that is from the past: “More than three centuries ago William Penn decided that a constitutional form of government was best for the people of Pennsylvania. In meeting today, we fulfill the continuing triumph of that dream.

“Today is truly a day of celebration, a new beginning. Today we set in motion Pennsylvania’s 187th legislative session. For the next 2 years we will make the laws that will affect the present generation and future generations.

“For the past 321 years we have made laws. This General Assembly, this House of Representatives, we have made laws, just as our Founding Fathers made them. We get an idea, we do the research, we hold hearings, we discuss and pass the bills, send them on to the Senate, and then hopefully on to the Governor, where it is signed. It is a tried and true constitutional formula,” quote. That was in the speech of Matthew J. Ryan; that was in the speech of Matthew J. Ryan on swearing-in day. Matthew J. Ryan, Speaker of this House, said that we, that we have a process. We get an idea, we do the research, we hold hearings, we have discussions, we pass the bills, and then we send them to the Senate, and then the Governor decides if he will sign them. That was said by Matthew J. Ryan.

Now, understand something very clearly: We as a body can change the rules. We as a body can change the rules, but the Speaker of the House stated very clearly that that formula that we have had for 187 years has been a tried-and-true method.

Let me just tell you what the role is of the Appropriations Committee, because, Mr. Speaker, some of us have not been

clear about that role. The role of the Appropriations Committee is to develop an annual General Fund budget, to look at all of the legislation that affects this House. We are to estimate State budget proposals; we are to review and make recommendations of key fiscal issues; we are to identify alternative sources of revenue. We as a committee, Mr. Speaker, are responsible for designing and making the recommendations to this entire House.

In my 23 years and in my 22 years, Mr. Speaker, under a Republican Governor, three of them – one Democratic Governor – we have never, Mr. Speaker, done what we have done today. We have never done that. Now, can we make a change to that process? We can, Mr. Speaker. We can make a change if the majority of the members of this House decide that we want to make a change, but I want you to understand clearly what we are changing. I want you to understand clearly what we are changing.

Governor Rendell came here and he made a proposal. It is not a budget. He put a plan before us. He met his constitutional obligation. He presented a plan to us 2 days ago. Once he presented that plan, it is now our responsibility. It is now our responsibility for that plan to go to the Appropriations Committee, and the Appropriations Committee is now responsible to conduct hearings in Harrisburg, out of Harrisburg, to bring citizens, to bring Cabinet officers, to bring members to have a discussion about the Governor’s recommendation.

And I notice, Mr. Speaker, there have been a lot of statements talking about we are going to do what the Governor wants us to do, but with all due respect, Mr. Speaker, though he is a Democratic Governor, no more different than if it is a Republican Governor, we have a responsibility, and that is a responsibility – and I am particularly talking to the 15 new Republicans and the 7 new Democrats – because that is a responsibility that we should not take lightly. That is a responsibility that we should recognize that although the Governor has presented his plan, we have a responsibility, and that responsibility is to conduct hearings; that responsibility is to take testimony; that responsibility is to analyze, do we agree with the recommendations that he has made?

Now, at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, we may all agree. We may agree that this is the best direction for us in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but, Mr. Speaker, it is troubling to me that we have not even had that kind of discussion or that type of debate. We have not had that kind of discussion. It seems to me that we have a right and a responsibility, no matter if it is a Democratic Governor, a Republican Governor, we all have a responsibility to ask those questions. That is why we have an Appropriations Committee.

I will tell you what I said, Mr. Speaker, in my caucus. I said in my caucus, why do we not just get rid of the Appropriations Committee and just save money? Why do we not eliminate the Appropriations Committee and save money? Because we could save an awful lot of money if we eliminate the Appropriations Committee, because there is no need to have an Appropriations Committee if you are going to have a bill go directly, if you are going to have a bill go directly, directly to the Appropriations Committee.

And let me tell you what happened the other day with the process. This is what happened with the process, Mr. Speaker. We had a bill in committee, and the bill that we had,

Mr. Speaker, HB 648, was the current year's budget. It was not even the Rendell budget; it was the current year's budget. We in that committee – and the Democrats voted “no” – we voted on a bill that was the current year's budget, voted that bill out of committee, sent that bill to the Rules Committee; sent that bill to the Rules Committee. We did not have any dialogue or discussion. We did not really talk about Governor Rendell's proposals and plans in the meeting. We only had a vehicle. We had no discussion. We did no analyzing. We did not analyze if we should invest this much money in education versus this much money in health care. We had no discussion whatsoever, none whatsoever.

Now, I understand the way this process works, because I have been around here long enough and I am not naive. I understand if you have got the votes, you run the votes; I understand that. I understand that people can quickly talk about what we did when we were in charge and when we were in the majority and when we had the Democratic Governor. But let me just be clear with you, let me just be clear with you, in the 13 years that I have been chairman and since 1982 that I have been on this committee, we have never, we have never, we have never, never, never, ever done this. Even when we were in charge, even when we were running the committee, even when we had a Democratic Governor, we have never, never done this, because in my view, you have got to have much more respect for the process, and even if we do not agree, even if we do not agree, people have got the right to vote up or down, but that is why you have an Appropriations Committee.

The other thing I want to tell you, which some people may not know, is that the Appropriations Committee chairman is elected. It is the only chairman, it is the only chairman out of all of the chairmen, where the Appropriations Committee chairman is elected, and that Appropriations Committee chairman is elected – because I did a little research on history – and the reason that that particular person is elected is because we are elected to be like a little check and balance, not to be, you know, not to be manipulated in any particular way, but that we have got a right and a responsibility to keep checkmate on the public's money, and that is not to say you may agree with us or disagree with us, but it is clear to me that that is why we are in this position. We are in this position to be able to say independently, independently, that I do not agree.

So the one thing, I am not dealing with the substance of this bill. I am not debating if Governor Rendell's plan is good or bad. I am not even talking about that. I am not even debating that issue. I am debating the way this is being conducted. I want you to understand where I am coming from, because you know, at the end of the day I may could agree 1,000 percent with what Governor Rendell has proposed in part one or part two; I may could agree on the substance of it, but where I disagree is the way this process is being conducted. That is where I disagree. I want you to understand that. I want you to understand that. Some of my members over here could fully agree with maybe some of the recommendations the Governor has made, but I disagree with the way that the process is being conducted.

Let me take you to another step the way this process works. There is something called the revenue estimate, and the revenue estimate is a number that is certified by the Secretary of Revenue, and that number is certified by the Secretary of Revenue because what happens in the process is, here we are in the month of March. March and April are very key months to

the revenue estimate. Those are the numbers that determine what we do with the budget. When we are doing what we are doing today, the way this process normally works, is that we go through hearings, we conduct the process, we do some internal negotiations back and forth, and usually in the month of May and June, the Secretary of Revenue and the Governor will agree on a revenue estimate, and through that revenue estimate, that will determine how we set up the budget. Here we are in March. We do not have an official revenue estimate. We do not have an official revenue estimate regarding this budget plan, but here we are, people are on the verge of voting for this budget plan, and we do not even know what the official revenue numbers are. We have no idea where we are with this situation. When we begin to look—

Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. May I get the attention of the House, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Members will please take their seats. Will the House please come to order for the gentleman, Mr. Evans.

The gentleman, Mr. Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I was explaining revenue estimates, and I was explaining that we are here in the month of March and April and we do not have an official revenue estimate. So when people vote on this particular budget and we have a right and a responsibility to be responsible, there is no way, there is no way that anybody can know what the official revenue estimate is because that has to be certified by the administration. There has not been a number certified by the administration, but yet we are going to have people voting on this particular budget plan.

So I am saying to you today, Mr. Speaker, that my issue is not so much debating Governor Rendell's plan; that is not my issue at this point. My issue is the way that the process is being conducted. There is a hearing. There has been no discussion; there is no official revenue estimate; there has been no analysis about the priorities that we need to make investments. It has all been about, Mr. Speaker, in my view, as what I call I-got-you approach.

I said to you the other day, on Tuesday, that Democrats have got to work with Republicans and Republicans have got to work with Democrats and we all have got to work with the Governor. I said to you the other day that my experience has been that I had to work with Governor Schweiker and I had to work with Governor Ridge and I had to work with Governor Casey and I had to work with Governor Thornburgh, but just in case people did not recognize, there was an election in November, and it is clear to me that there is a Governor who was elected. And my experience has been that any Governor who is elected, we have given them the opportunity fully, in my view, Mr. Speaker, to conduct this process in a way that we also meet our responsibility, and our responsibility, Mr. Speaker, is to conduct a thorough analysis of this budget plan. You cannot tell me, Mr. Speaker, that we have done that. No one in this House can tell me that we have asked the tough questions of Cabinet officers, of members or anybody in this House. So in good conscience, in good conscience, Mr. Speaker, no one, no one can say in good conscience that we have, Mr. Speaker, met our obligation – our obligation, Mr. Speaker.

We can talk about the politics, and what I heard, Mr. Speaker, this is the response I heard – I read this in the

newspaper the other day – the reason we are doing this at this time is because we are going to save ourselves from ourselves. Let me repeat that. The reason we are going to do this at this time is because we are going to save ourselves from ourselves. That is what has been said. And it has been said that the longer we drag this on – I read this quote in the newspaper – this could get up to \$10 billion. And I thought to myself, you know, I was not here in 1977, but my good friend, Mr. George, was here; he can give you a little history, but I was here in 1991. I do not think anybody did any arm-twisting. I do not think anybody held anybody for hostage. I do not think anybody threatened anybody in 1991. As a matter of fact, we went 34 days past the deadline. We had hearings, we had a discussion, and at the end of the day a majority of the members of this House, this House and the Senate, decided that that is what we wanted to do, Democrats and Republicans.

See, a lot of people like to talk about 1991 and act like it was just the Democrats, but there were 10, 11 Republicans that also voted in 1991, and in 1977, if you probably ask my friends, Mark Cohen or Bud George, they will also tell you it was bipartisan. So let us make it, if we are going to talk about history, let us be clear about the history that we are talking about.

Mr. Speaker, I am not fearful of having hearings and discussions and debate, and I have the ability, Mr. Speaker, to stand up and say no if I think something is too much. I have that ability, Mr. Speaker. I do not need to be saved from myself. I do not need to be used and excused to vote this particular bill at this particular time to say, well, the reason we are voting this is because the longer this goes on, the worse it is going to be for the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Well, then guess what? Then the taxpayers need to not have any of us here. The taxpayers need to not have any of us here if we do not have the ability to gather the information, to make an assessment, and to make a determination that is this right or wrong.

I am saying to you, Mr. Speaker, this is a mistake. This is a mistake, Mr. Speaker, because guess what is going to happen? Guess what in my view is going to happen? This is going to be my view, and I do not agree with this. One day we will be back in the majority, and my side is going to one day, there will be somebody who is going to say, well, they did this in 2003, and there is going to be somebody from my side who is going to say, well, they did it to us in 2003; we are going to do it to them in 2004 or 2005, because, Mr. Speaker, I could tell you, people have gone through the research and they have seen this previous question and they can quickly quote, well, you Democrats did the same thing to us when you were in charge and we are now going to do the same thing to you now that we are in charge. When is it going to stop? When is it going to stop? When are we going to recognize, when are we going to recognize that there are 12 million Pennsylvanians out there and we need to address the concerns and issues?

You had a Governor— You know, the other day, the other day the Governor, you know, some of my members are wondering why the Governor is a little naive. Some of my members are wondering why the Governor is a little naive, but, you know, it is not just this Governor. I was with Governor Schweiker, and when Governor Schweiker was trying to take over the Philadelphia school system, he felt like he was doing the right thing, and I supported him in taking that action. And when I supported him, he remembered how he was being

hit from both sides of the issue, and Governor Schweiker felt like he was doing the right thing and he could not understand why others did not understand.

Well, we also have another Governor, and his heart is in the right place and his head is in the right place, and the only thing he wants to do and his theory was, put out the information, have a full debate, and hope at the end of the day that the only thing he is asking for is a fair shot. The only thing Governor Rendell is asking for is a fair shot. If you want to say no, do not change the rules in the middle of the game. He has only been in that position for 6 weeks. We did not do this with Schweiker. We did not do this with Ridge. We did not do this with Casey. We did not do this with Thornburgh. We did not do this with Milton Shapp. Do not change the rules in the middle of the game. It is clear to me that I understand why you could change the rules. If you have got 105, 106, you say, forget about history, forget about tradition; it does not mean anything. Well, Speaker Ryan, Speaker Ryan, who has been here longer than any of us, stood up on that podium and talked about the history of this House, and some of us had forgotten that. Some of us do not understand that some of us, frankly, do not care about history.

Like it or not, like it or not, each and every one of us has a responsibility; each and every one of us has a responsibility, and I know sometimes that word “responsibility” gets lost in the aspect of one-upmanship. I know sometimes that thing about integrity and character, that stuff gets lost, and I know sometimes it does not mean anything, and I know sometimes – I told my staff last night – you know, when you come on this floor and you make a speech, you wonder if you are going to register it in anybody’s head. I wonder if you are going to touch anybody and not have people come up privately to me and say, hey, Dwight, you made a great speech. Well, guess what? If I had made a great speech, understand what my arguments are. My arguments are about this process. My arguments are not about the substance of the amendment. My arguments are about the way the process is being conducted, and this is wrong. You know it and I know it. But you will not think of it today, because you will run the votes and you will get your votes, and you will figure like, the bottom line is, what difference will it make? But I am going to tell you this: You have not heard the end of this, because it is not going to stop; this is not going to stop. Today we have a chance to stop it. Today we have a chance to stop it.

What I suggested in the Appropriations meeting, you know what I said? If you want to do, if you want to do Governor Rendell’s budget plan, you know what I said? I suggested this to the chairman. I said, accelerate the hearings. Let us start the hearings today; let us start them today; let us start them tomorrow; let us work on Saturday; let us work next week, and then after we have conducted the hearings next week and then you want to come back next week with this, then at least let us say we had the hearings. Let us suspend right now. Let us stop this process right now. Let us conduct the hearings. Let us conduct the discussion. What is wrong with the aspect of having discussions about this budget plan? Let us stop this process now, because once you vote this, in my view, what is going to happen is, the rules have changed; the rules will change. You will never be able to change what is going to happen here today. And I know some of you may say, well, what difference does it make? Well, for some of us who have

been around here for a little while, we like to think that there is a way we conduct business. We like to think there is a way we try to get along with each other. Even if we disagree with how we do things, at the end of the day there is a certain thing called how we work and do things together.

So I am saying to you, Mr. Speaker—

May I have some order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will please come to order.

The gentleman, Mr. Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I am saying to you and to the rest that at some point, at some point we have gone too far, and I think this is the time we have gone too far, because in my view, we have an Appropriations Committee; we have a process. My view is, my members will be ready today. If you said you want to conduct the hearings as of today, we would be prepared. If you give them an hour or two – they are looking at me – if you give them an hour or two to run home and get some clothes, we would be ready today. Let us start the hearing process right now. Let us suspend what we are doing; let us go conduct some hearings; let us go through some process; let us have some discussion; and then let us come back in next week, but let us do it now. Let us stop this process now and let us conduct the hearings. What is wrong with that? What is wrong with the members having a chance to ask the questions?

Each and every one of us is sent here by the voters of our district to be actively engaged in this process. Governors are not dictators. Governors cannot just present us with a plan and then all of a sudden we are going to say we are going to take that plan and that is going to be it. It does not work that way. The way it works – to you 17 new folks over there or 16 new folks; there are 7 over here – for those of us who have been around, we cannot be conducting business this way. This is not the way we conduct business in this House.

So I am saying to you I am prepared today. I am prepared today right now with my members, Democratic side, to have hearings today with the chairman. We can call the Governor today, get the Cabinet officers over here, sit down, and begin to ask questions line by line, begin to understand the motives for why they have made the recommendations that they have made in this budget, but you cannot tell me any of you fully understand, let alone any of my members, fully understand where we are today.

So, Mr. Speaker, I put a challenge out, and the challenge I have asked is, let us stop this process now. Let us suspend. Let us have some hearings. Let us discuss the Governor's recommendations, because in 2 days, as good as this side may be – and I give you credit for being smart and wise and all the other stuff that you have with you – as smart and wise as my members are, there is no way in the world in 2 days any of you or your staff could fully understand what is happening with this budget plan, and there is no way any of you could fully understand this issue about the revenue estimate; you fully cannot understand that. But here we are again saying we are going to rush to do this without even looking at what the implications are, without even understanding the implications, but here we are going to rush to judgment and do not even understand exactly what is taking place here. It is very unfortunate, it is extremely unfortunate, that this is occurring.

So, Mr. Speaker, I say this in conclusion: I can only but give my opinion as one member. My vote is going to be a “no”;

that is my one vote. It is going to be a “no,” and it is going to be a “no” clearly because of the way we are conducting business. No one can show me on this side, research any history, no one can ever show me how we have ever done what we are doing here today. No one can show me that. If you can show me how that process was conducted like that, I would be the first one to be on your side, but you cannot show me that because we have never done that, and it is not a question because we did not think of it. It is not a question of, oh, we did not think of this, so since we did not think of it, we are applauding you for thinking of it. We cannot be applauding you for thinking of it, because you are leaving, you are leaving all of the people on this side, let alone all of the people on that side, out of a full-blown discussion. There is no discussion on this floor about this. You cannot fully understand all that is going on about this budget. So there is no way you could understand this.

So I am saying to you, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we be “no” on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin County, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think the facts are clear. Governor Rendell inherited an unprecedented budget crisis. I know I have been fortunate to serve here for a while, as some of my worthy colleagues, and we all know that it is relatively easy to serve and to govern during good economic times, but when we have recessionary times, it is a little tougher. It is tougher to present an aggressive agenda for jump-starting Pennsylvania's economy and for reforming education.

Now, the Governor has been in office about 6 weeks, and I heard the chairman of the Appropriations Committee give his version of what he heard the Governor say. I want to tell you what I heard the Governor say. Two days ago, as he stood before us and outlined a budget, he said – and I heard it very clearly – I hate this budget; I pray that it will not be passed. I think it is pretty clear what he intends. He intends this to be a two-part process. He intends this to be a two-part process, the first of which he introduced to meet his constitutional mandate and the second of which he is going to bring to us in a couple of weeks, on March 25. Maybe you did not hear him; I did. What you are attempting to vote on today is half of the Governor's proposal – not even half.

Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will members please take their seats, and conferences on the floor, please break up.

The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

But since we seem determined to vote on this today, let us talk about what we are going to vote on. What if you vote “yes” for this budget you are voting for? You are voting for painful cuts to library systems in Pennsylvania. My wife came home last night from a meeting of the board of directors of the Shippensburg Public Library and told me that they are already talking about the services. Now, some of my colleagues serve with me in Cumberland County. Maybe they did not hear from the library systems in Cumberland County. I did. There are significant cuts – significant cuts.

Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This could be a long day, and the more or the higher the volume of talking on the floor of the House will just increase the length of our day. So please keep your voices down so the gentleman, Mr. Coy, can be heard.

Sergeants at Arms, will you clear the aisles of the House and the back of the House, please. Sergeants at Arms, will you clear the aisles of the House.

The gentleman, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to those cuts in library services, which are obvious – and in a strange sort of way, people in tough economic times make more use of libraries and the services they have to offer, and so we should be thinking in those terms of how we can compensate for the difficulties that individuals have – let us talk about higher education. The State System of Higher Education, 5-percent cuts; all the State-related universities – Penn State, Pitt, Temple, Lincoln – 5-percent cuts; and PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency), PHEAA, Mr. Speaker, PHEAA, a 1.3-percent cut overall. So students at our higher education facilities will not have any help to pay the extra tuition.

Now, I know there can be cuts made at these institutions, and I will encourage many of the administrators of them to do just that, but you will cut into valuable services. Part of regaining our economy in Pennsylvania will be to strengthen higher education and the services that it offers and the hope it offers to our young people for a future in Pennsylvania, but we are cutting them off at the knees. It does nothing to change our future.

The Governor said only 2 days ago to us, and it made sense to me – I heard him – are we content of being 47th or 48th out of the States in job creation? Is it acceptable to us that half of the 11th graders fail the State's standardized reading test? Now, if that is not evidence that we need to do more about education than the failed policies of recent years, the evidence is right there. We can do better. People expect us to do better. We were sent here to do better. But for heaven's sake, we were sent here to at least debate, to at least, as Representative Evans asked, to have budget hearings.

In the budget book that the Governor presented, and every Governor presents, to us just a couple days ago, on page, in Roman numerals, xix, it says right in this process, in the procedure, "Shortly after receiving the Governor's budget request, the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate hold public hearings to review individual agency requests for funds. The appropriations hearings provide the legislators with an opportunity to review the specific programmatic, financial and policy aspects of each agency's programs." Are we not even concerned? Do we not have one question? Do we not have one query to make of the Cabinet members of how they are going to operate government? Is there but one thing you would like to ask before we rush to this vote?

The Governor has more to offer to us, and he intends to do it on March 25. Now, after hearing that and after the hearings that take place after that, if you still think this is the best we can do, then so be it. But I hope some of these painful cuts can be avoided in the end. I hope some of the best minds that we have can work together, both members and staff, to avoid these painful cuts.

The Governor's executive budget book has 475 pages, \$21 billion. The ink is barely dry. Some of the cellophane is probably still wrapped around the books that have been distributed on our desks. We have not even had time to digest it. None of us, not one of us, I think, can say in all fairness, when you were handed that book 48 hours ago, that you have had time to consume its contents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Coy, the 5 minutes has expired. We have gone over that significantly. Can you wrap up your comments, please.

Mr. COY. Mr. Speaker, 145 days took place since when Governor Schweiker introduced his last budget until the legislature passed it. We are doing it this year in 48 hours or 2,880 minutes. Now, I am for efficiency in government, but I think this carries it to the ridiculous level. We were sent here to talk together, to reason together, to work together, to analyze together, to deliberate together, and then pass the budget. I am not afraid of what we together can do ourselves. I join with Representative Evans, and I found that remark troubling, to protect us from ourselves. We were elected to protect the people's interests and to do so in a manner that we felt was clear and effective after deliberation.

I am voting "no" today because I think we can do better. I am for a better Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania that can be made better by deliberation, by thoughtful concern, and by working together.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greene County, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. The gentleman, Mr. Melio, I think has a point of parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. MELIO. May I interrogate the maker of the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, has been recognized at this point.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized.

Mr. DeWEESE. "...roast me in sulphur! Wash me in steep-down gulfs of liquid fire!" That is what Othello said when he knew the jig was up. I am not going to go quite that far, of course, but the flinty and steel couch of the budget battle is upon us.

It is hard to amplify the poignant observations of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Evans, and from my colleague from Franklin, Mr. Coy. In the words of an ancient admonition, we should be temperate and prudent and discreet, and we are being none of the above. This process is a mockery.

The Republican commanders have indicated a few words out of context from Governor Rendell's message. They obviously hear what they want to hear. On page 6 of his address there is one sentence that stands out, and I quote the Governor: "...I pray that it is not enacted until we can complete it with a realistic plan to revitalize our economy...." The gentleman, Mr. Coy, alluded to the fact that that economy cannot be jump-started the way the Governor wants to do, and the education reforms and the property tax reductions cannot take place in the way the Governor would wish if this process continues to go forward at a blinding speed.

It certainly hampers the Governor, and it must be repeated, it must be inculcated into those thick, befogged brains of yours on the other side of the aisle: You gave Tom Ridge and young Schweiker months and months and months of deliberative time between the introduction of their budget and when we put our imprimatur on the proposal, but now, now, in a cold and calculated and chronic partisanship that vomits up in this chamber today, you are not allowing Edward G. Rendell 48 hours. What are you afraid of, asks the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The banner newspaper west of the Allegheny said this morning it would be a grave and gross mistake to allow this budget to be passed at this juncture.

For those of you who hail from the cities, especially from Philadelphia, on the Republican side of the aisle, there is a gash in the mass transit money. For all of us and especially my diminutive pals on the other side of the aisle who always advocate for the Nittany Lion, Penn State has a stake driven through its heart through this budget. This is a bad proposal. It needs augmented. It needs crystallized. It is absolutely beyond a shadow of a doubt that your unremitting partisan impulses, which gave Tom Ridge 145 days and Mark Schweiker 145 days, you do not give us 145 hours. What is wrong with you people? Where is your proclivity for debate and discussion and deliberation? Where is it? Where is the Grange hall populism in the Chautauqua tent that should motivate you? You are barren of idealism if you vote for this shoddy measure. I think you are mostly barren of idealism anyway. I am looking hard. I am trying to descry on the horizon some beatific physiognomy, some young woman from the suburbs of the southeast that still has some idealism upwelling within her breasts.

There is no reason for this budget proposal to be adopted at such short order. You are shutting out 6 million voters, Mr. Speaker. You are shutting them out. You are pulling down the blinds. You are turning out the light. Six million Pennsylvania voters voted for all of us, and some voted against all of us. If this were a baseball game – and as we speak, Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies are in the Sunshine State preparing for their season – this would be a knock-down pitch. This is high and inside, right at the chin. You are trying to get Rendell's attention – are you not? – and I assure you, you have, but it reeks.

The great American comedian, born in England, Charlie Chaplin, summed it all up. He said, in the end, it is all a gag. Well, this is no gag. This is a very, very unhappy commencement for a gubernatorial candidacy and for a Governor that campaigned with more bipartisanship than any of his predecessors. Tom Ridge did not sit down with the other side of the aisle on 34 different occasions and break bread and dialogue and discuss the intricacies of the budget process. No; no, not once did Tom Ridge give us that polite opportunity. Edward Rendell gave you folks 35 occasions, with your leadership, with your rank and file, to discuss his budget. This is his first budget. If you do not want to vote for it, then you could vote against it after it had percolated, after it had been developed. But no, no, I say it again and again and again: the fetters, the shackles, the pinions that you people, you people, you Republican people, are trying to put on our Governor make no sense. It makes no sense unless, unless those cold and callused partisan hearts of yours are the only things that are a part of this debate.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all of us on this side of the aisle will vote in the negative. I am quite confident that the lion's share of our membership will. For every Pennsylvanian that flushes a toilet tonight, we should vote "no." For every Pennsylvanian who is paying exorbitant property taxes, we should vote "no." For every Pennsylvanian that has got a child or a nephew or a granddaughter in college, we should vote "no." For every one of us who have relatives in nursing homes, we should vote "no." Every one of these budget cuts – the libraries, the sewage authorities, the rape crisis centers – it is your fault. Those of you from York and Lancaster and Monroe, all of you right-wing conservatives, you are cutting the heart out of our government. You are not allowing Mr. Rendell's investment in Pennsylvania to get jump-started. You are thwarting the electoral mandate.

Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate, obviously, a negative vote, but as I have said many times from this microphone, I have been here long enough to count the votes. The inexorable momentum of this process is tangible in the room as we get ready for the culminating remarks of the majority leader and the ultimate vote. This is an expeditious vote. This is a precipitous vote. This is a vote made with vertiginous velocity and dizzying speed. This budgetary process is ejaculatory, and it is, I assure you, premature.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, done speaking?

The lady, Ms. Manderino. State your inquiry.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have a parliamentary inquiry with regard to the new House rule that we adopted in HR 117 a little bit ago.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady will state her inquiry.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you.

My parliamentary inquiry is to just make sure that I understand the new rule as it is written. My reading of the new rule that we adopted in HR 117 puts no limit on the number of members that can debate; it only puts a limit on how long they can debate. Is that a correct reading of that rule?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct, with the addition that by precedent, the House leaves, on an appropriations bill, leaves the floor leaders not subject to the 5-minute time rule and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committee, by precedent. Now, Mr. Coy, we mentioned the 5 minutes, but yes, we did allow him to go a little longer. That is correct.

Ms. MANDERINO. Okay. So it is my understanding, at least as the House stands now, there is a long list of members who are waiting to be recognized on the final passage of this or on this amendment in front of us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Ms. MANDERINO. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if we go to page 1 of the budget document provided to us by the Governor, he says, "...we must get our fiscal house in order." This budget document that he handed us

is not half of a budget, it is an entire budget, and it is in order. On page 2 the Governor says, with a balanced budget, "...we only take a first step to pave the way for a real and sustainable economic recovery in Pennsylvania," with this budget. Now, that is what he wrote on the inside of the budget, and it is not half a document; it is not an incomplete document. It is a complete document as required by our Constitution.

The Governor provided us a balanced budget, again, with no tax increase in it, and as Governor Rendell said on inauguration day, "Like working families across the State, we must find a way to make government live within its means," and with this document, he did just that. He found a way for us to live within our means. After almost a year talking about the budget crisis, he and his staff finally hunkered down and, as every Governor before them, crafted an on-time, balanced budget that is before us here, an on-time budget required by our Founding Fathers, our Constitution, and by the people's trust.

Quoting from the Governor's Tuesday remarks, "Today, we face a budget deficit that is nothing short of an emergency. We must address it immediately, and that effort begins in earnest today," and we are here today to do exactly that. If Governor Rendell's budget was not his vision, whose fault is that, Mr. Speaker? Pennsylvania does have a budget crisis; we all agree to that. It is a sad fact but a fact that States throughout the nation are facing serious crises. We do not need to get into California or New York, but tens and tens of billions of dollars. Other States have had to raise taxes. We have this document, a document with no tax increase in it, before us today with an opportunity to balance our budget.

We have heard from a number of people over the years that we did not spend enough money in the budgets that we had prior to these budgets. Had we listened to the members who had said those things over the years, we would be in one very sad set of circumstances right now, Mr. Speaker. But Pennsylvania has good news for Governor Rendell's budget: it wipes out the deficit. Thank you very much, Governor Rendell.

Just as the many thousands of families in Pennsylvania are struggling each month to pay their own bills, Governor Rendell's budget reduces spending. Now, Mr. Speaker, you can take a look at this in several ways. You can look at it as your mortgage, your food, your electric bill. That is what this document provides us with the opportunity of doing here today. If we decide that the Commonwealth needs a new car or if we need additional things for the people of the Commonwealth, we can come back and add to this document, but today we are paying our mortgage so that we can decide what other frills we want to do later on.

I have on my block a woman, and I will not use her name; I will say Mrs. Jones. She is 82 years of age. She has a telephone, and that telephone provides basic service, Mr. Speaker, and that basic service allows her, if she wants to call her relatives or her grandchildren, she can call them, and if she needs to call 911, she has that telephone. And God forbid there is a fire, she has the opportunity of calling the fire company or her legislator. But later on we can come back and decide if we want to give her 3,000 international minutes, but we do not have to make that decision here today. We have an opportunity of doing a barebones budget that meets the criteria without raising taxes, and it is here before us today. That is an opportunity we have, Mr. Speaker. Governor Rendell's budget does what Pennsylvanians have said they wanted: government

needs to live within its means, State agencies should do more with less, and no new tax increases.

Now, there are several polls out there, and I am not going to tell you we govern by polls, because I do not believe anybody in this room governs by polls, but we at least have to understand what is being said by the people of Pennsylvania. The Quinnipiac University poll on February 20 showed 57 percent of Pennsylvanians would rather cut government than increase taxes. We just did a poll on our side of the aisle in the last month where 68 percent of the people were against raising taxes. Sixty-one percent were for the Rendell-style budget that is before us today. Over the last 48 hours, our caucus conducted a poll where we contacted 2,400 people. Nine to one they are in favor of this budget, and the question was asked this way, so you understand we did not try to kid anyone with what we asked. The question said: Do you support Governor Rendell's proposed spending plan that tightens State government spending and does not raise taxes? 2,122 yes; 266 no. That is in all of our districts all over this State we made those phone calls, Mr. Speaker.

This budget seems to do just that. It puts Pennsylvania in a stronger position for next year, and each successive year we will have the opportunity of coming back, because the economy is turning around, as we mentioned the other day, and things are getting better. But please remember today, we are voting to pass Governor Rendell's first-ever State budget as presented with his name on it. Governor Ridge or Governor Schweiker would have been proud to have us immediately pass their budget. This is tough times and we have had to make some tough decisions, and we know that if we go home now, a lot of people will be upset, and we know they will be upset, but it is an opportunity to get us through this problem that we have without raising taxes, Mr. Speaker.

To present it otherwise, other than what I have stated here, would be disingenuous, untruthful, and against the law. The Constitution is specific. The Constitution is the will of the people of Pennsylvania. We will do as our Governor asks. The true mandate of November 5 was that Democrats and Republicans work together for the common good of the common people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and we are doing that.

Mr. Speaker, one last thing. Everyone has to remember that if you are voting "no" on this, you are voting for an increase in taxes, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION FOR PREVIOUS QUESTION

Mr. PERZEL. In conclusion, in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I make the motion to move the previous question on the adoption of the Argall amendment No. 114, and to be certain that there is no mistake, Mr. Speaker, this motion, if adopted, precludes the consideration of all other amendments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, would you kindly take the microphone and be recognized, please.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House be adjourned until March 26 at 11 o'clock.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali—The House will come to order. We need to take the seconds on the motion, then your motion to adjourn does take precedence

over a motion to move the previous question, if in fact we have a motion to move the previous question.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you.

The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, moves the previous question for the immediate consideration of amendment 114—

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. THOMAS. A point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. Speaker, I need clarification.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Is this motion to move the previous question tantamount to saying to me that I went home last night, went back to Philadelphia last night, but before I left I filed amendments at an appropriate time, 1:27, before 2 o'clock, and then I drove back here this morning so that I could stand up for the people who are without health insurance in my district and in Philadelphia County, for the children who go to schools that are unsafe, for the senior citizens who have to go to Canada to get their medication, are you saying to me that this motion to move the previous question is tantamount to saying the heck with what happened yesterday and the heck with what happens to people in my legislative district? Is that what this motion is saying to me?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, if the House first seconds the motion, which we are going to do immediately when I am done explaining this to you, if there is a second, 20 seconds, and if the House adopts the motion, then we will move to final passage of the amendment, and yes, the other amendments will not be considered.

Mr. THOMAS. So, Mr. Speaker, you are saying that if – all right? and that “if” is capital I-F – this passes, then it is tantamount to saying to heck with everything that has happened, to heck with what is going on in the city of Philadelphia, in my district, and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and last but not least is tantamount to saying that the Governor lied when he said that he hates this budget?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is proceeding to debate. I answered your parliamentary inquiry, and those other amendments—

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I am going to be cautiously optimistic that that “if,” that we reject that motion for the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The motion for the previous question requires 20 seconds. Those individuals who desire to second the motion will please stand. The Chair recognizes that more than 20 members are standing; please remain standing.

The gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe; the gentleman, Mr. Baldwin; the gentleman, Mr. Cappelli; the gentleman, Mr. Maitland—

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. —the gentleman— We are in the middle of a vote, please.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. —the lady, Mrs. Taylor; the gentleman, Mr. Phillips; the gentleman, Mr. Argall; the gentleman, Mr. Smith; the gentleman, Mr. Creighton; the gentleman, Mr. Lewis; the gentleman, Mr. Coleman; the gentleman, Mr. Armstrong; the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff; the gentleman, Mr. Allen; the lady, Mrs. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Bunt; the gentleman, Mr. Leh; the gentleman, Mr. Wilt; the gentleman, Mr. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Sather; the gentleman, Mr. McGill; and the gentleman, Mr. Adolph.

More than 20 members having seconded the motion, there is a first and second.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Mr. DALEY. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, has not been recognized. Now, we have two members desiring recognition. The gentleman, Mr.— The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Daley.

The gentleman, Mr. Daley, is recognized. The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, is not recognized.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to Mr. Thomas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr.— The gentleman— The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, would have been recognized.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my understanding, my meager understanding of parliamentary procedure, that a second is not a taking of a vote. It is just a second; it is not a vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. DALEY. My understanding, secondly, the only thing in order before the House right now is the motion to adjourn. This motion to place this came before it, but nevertheless, the motion that has precedence is the motion to adjourn. No other motion is of a superior position than that motion, Mr. Speaker, and I ask that we now take that vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Had the gentleman, Mr. Daley – you were probably consulting with counsel – been listening, as I indicated to Mr. Vitali, we would take the seconds, if there were seconds. That is why he wanted to adjourn, because of that motion. Please, please.

Mr. DALEY. I am not going to interrupt, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to interrupt you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Okay. We will now entertain Mr. Vitali's motion to adjourn; that is correct.

Mr. DALEY. Just as a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, for the sake of the history of the House, just let it be noted that according to the rules of parliamentary procedure, at that point when Mr. Vitali raised the motion to adjourn, at that point, all business in the House ceases and that vote is taken. The fact that you took seconds to that motion really, according to my understanding of the rules of procedure, really should not have been done.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his comments.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, that is— Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized.

Mr. DeWEESE. That is not good enough, sir. If the gentleman is right – and we have a Parliamentarian, a skilled and deft Parliamentarian – if the gentleman is right, the Chair should make that admission to this chamber. It is an egregious violation of parliamentary procedure if what was just said by Mr. Daley is the truth, and rather than in some casual, perfunctory “the Chair thanks the gentleman,” I would like to know from our Parliamentarian whether Mr. Daley was correct or not. This is the State budget we are talking about. This is not Moose Week or Coal Queen Saturday; this is the State budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Now— The House will come to order. The House will come to order.

For the information of the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, I had consulted with the Parliamentarian prior to that time before proceeding.

Mr. DeWEESE. The ruling is, for the record, what, please, sir?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We were in the middle of a motion, and we needed to complete that motion before taking another motion.

Mr. DeWEESE. But the taking of the count supersedes the motion itself, does it not? It is not intrinsically a part of the motion, the taking of the count.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes, it is.

Mr. DeWEESE. That is the ruling of the Parliamentarian?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. DeWEESE. Which is buttressed by the Parliamentarian?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Which is based on my discussions with the Parliamentarian.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, restate his motion to adjourn? The date is what I need.

Mr. VITALI. March 26 at 11 o'clock. Essentially the day after our Governor is scheduled to give his budget presentation, part two.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are you desiring that we not attend when the Governor speaks on the 25th or—

Mr. VITALI. I am sorry. Let us make that— No, that was my— The 25th at 11.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, moves that this House hereby adjourn until Tuesday, March 25, at 11 o'clock?

Mr. VITALI. Correct.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A motion to adjourn is debatable by the floor leaders only.

Does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, desire recognition?

Mr. DeWEESE. Would the House be at ease momentarily until our legal staff can ascertain who can or who cannot debate this?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House is temporarily at ease.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will come to order.

For the information of the members, rule 56 of the rules addresses adjournment. A motion to adjourn is debatable by the majority and minority leaders, and there is a time limit of 2 minutes.

And on a ruling – for the information of the House – on a ruling regarding the adjournment motion and taking the count of the seconds before considering the adjournment motion, the Chair would refer to the Journal of April 18, 1989. The gentleman, Mr. Manderino, was Speaker at that time. The gentleman, Mr. Letterman, moved the previous question, at which time the gentleman, Mr. Gannon, tried to move to adjourn, and the Speaker, Mr. Manderino, said he first would take the seconds, had to take the seconds, and then would consider that motion to adjourn.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized.

Mr. DeWEESE. I compliment you on your speedy response, but I do have one member who would like to voice a parliamentary inquiry, sir.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Myers.

Mr. MYERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise an inquiry, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. MYERS. I would like for the Speaker to explain to me as a member of this chamber what the rules say when members of the chamber do not have a chance to say nothing, do not have a chance to offer amendments, they do not have a chance to read the legislation that is before us, do not have a chance to represent our constituents, do not have a chance to have—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, the gentleman—

Mr. MYERS. No, I am trying to find out what the rules say when members do not have a chance to participate, and we sit here and are being told to keep our mouths shut; we are told to sit here and do not try to think—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman—

Mr. MYERS. —we are being told to sit here—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend.

Mr. MYERS. —and do not carry out our constitutional responsibilities? What do the rules say? What do the rules say when we are being disenfranchised? What do the rules say? What do the rules say? That is a parliamentary inquiry. What do the rules say? What do the rules say? What do the rules say? What do the rules say? What do the rules say? (Microphone turned off.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized on the motion to adjourn.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized on the motion to adjourn. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is entitled to be heard on the

motion. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is recognized on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. DeWEESE. No matter how passionate and how focused and how vituperative anyone's remarks are, the turning off of a microphone is a serious matter, and we should probably be adjourning for a variety of reasons, but no one could make them any more passionately than my honorable colleague, Mr. Myers, from Philadelphia.

We should adjourn because the young Appropriations chairman tells us that we are not in a fiscal crisis in this State and the majority leader tells us we are in a fiscal crisis in Pennsylvania, and the topsy-turviness of their debate is reason enough for us to adjourn and get our feet on the ground. You folks are like salmon swimming upstream to die. It is amazing. It is amazing. I see all of you white-bread guys and a few gals standing up en masse. You may as well be in Baghdad. You may as well be Revolutionary Guards. You go right with the program. That is why we should adjourn. That is why we should adjourn, Mr. Speaker.

And my final comment, my final comment on adjournment today, I will tell you why we should adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The House will please come to order. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is entitled to be heard.

The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. My final observation will be sotto voce rather than viva voce.

The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, is wrong. He said that if we do not vote for this measure, then we will be voting for tax increases. Mr. Speaker, when you cast an affirmative vote, you Republican battalions, when you cast a Republican "yes" vote for this half budget, which is what Governor Rendell said it was, this half budget, this demibudget, then you will be voting for massive increases in our townships and boroughs, in our sewage authorities, in our college tuition increases. You, you are voting for tax increases. We should adjourn and hammer this budget out over the next several weeks. Adjournment is the appropriate parliamentary move at this time, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, we have been provided a complete budget document. It is before us. It was handed out to each and every one of the members of this chamber. We have an opportunity before us to be able to vote for a balanced budget with no tax increase in it. Our Governor gave us this budget, and I believe a majority of the members of this chamber want to vote for this budget.

So for those reasons, at this point in time I would ask for a "no" vote on adjournment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the House adjourn until Tuesday, March 25, at 11 a.m.? Those in favor of the motion to adjourn will vote "aye"; those opposed to the motion to adjourn will vote "nay."

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—92

Bebko-Jones	Evans, D.	Manderino	Scrimenti
Belardi	Fabrizio	Mann	Shaner
Belfanti	Frankel	Markosek	Solobay
Biancucci	Freeman	McCall	Staback
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Stetler
Blaum	Gergely	Melio	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Mundy	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Myers	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Oliver	Thomas
Casorio	Haluska	Pallone	Tigue
Cawley	Hanna	Petrarca	Travaglio
Cohen	Harhai	Petrone	Veon
Corrigan	Horsey	Pistella	Vitali
Costa	James	Preston	Walko
Coy	Josephs	Readshaw	Wansacz
Cruz	Keller	Rieger	Washington
Daley	Kotik	Roberts	Waters
DeLuca	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Wheatley
Dermody	Laughlin	Rooney	Williams, J.
DeWeese	Leach	Ruffing	Wojnarowski
Diven	Lederer	Sainato	Yewcic
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Samuelson	Youngblood
Eachus	Levdansky	Santoni	Yudichak

NAYS—105

Adolph	Evans, J.	Leh	Reichley
Allen	Fairchild	Lewis	Rohrer
Argall	Feese	Lynch	Ross
Armstrong	Fichter	Mackereth	Rubley
Baker	Fleagle	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Flick	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Forcier	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Gabig	Marsico	Schroder
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Birmelin	Gillespie	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stairs
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Steil
Browne	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
Bunt	Habay	Miller, S.	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhart	Nailor	Stevenson, T.
Causar	Harper	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Civera	Harris	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hasay	O'Neill	True
Coleman	Hennessey	Payne	Turzai
Cornell	Herman	Perzel	Vance
Crahalla	Hershey	Petri	Watson
Creighton	Hess	Phillips	Weber
Dailey	Hickernell	Pickett	Wilt
Dally	Hutchinson	Raymond	Wright
DiGirolamo	Kenney	Reed	Zug
Egolf			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

POINT OF ORDER

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

Mr. MICOZZIE. A point of order.

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

Mr. MICOZZIE. Mr. Speaker, the next time that the minority leader makes his disparaging remarks about the other side, I implore you to bang the gavel and call him out of order.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 648 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Those in favor of the gentleman, Mr. Perzel's motion on the previous question will vote "aye"; those opposed—

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I apologize to the gentleman, Mr. Sturla. For what purpose do you rise?

Mr. STURLA. A point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, if this motion is approved, will that mean that my amendment that would have gotten \$6 million for municipal fire departments in this State will not be allowed, and that my amendment that would have gotten \$36 million in human services development funds will not be allowed, and that my amendment that would have gotten \$52 million for sewage treatment facilities grants throughout this State will not be allowed? Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make sure of that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, desire recognition?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes. I rise to ask to interrogate the majority leader.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That would be debate, and on a motion to move the previous question, it is debatable by floor leaders only.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Okay.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SAMUELSON. Could I ask a parliamentary inquiry?

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

Mr. SAMUELSON. I also have an amendment listed to HB 648. The motion to move the previous question is on amendment 114. After this vote is taken and we vote on amendment 114, why would not amendment 131 still be in order since that is on the bill itself, not on the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Rule 61 of the House says, "A motion for the previous question may be made to embrace any or all pending amendments...." The gentleman, Mr. Perzel's motion was to move the previous question on the adoption of the Argall amendment and to be certain this precludes the consideration of all other amendments. So he was clarifying that his motion would preclude all other amendments if adopted by the House. That was essentially the issue that was debated a lot before the last rules vote.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Then I—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Then I need to ask for the record, the amendment that I had filed, amendment 131, which redirects the special line item for one school district, the Philadelphia School District, to statewide education programs, that amendment is not going to be allowed today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is, if the motion that is before the House now is adopted, that is correct.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

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

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

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I think you just explained to the House that Mr. Perzel's motion to move the previous question can include any other amendments that would be included if he so desired, and I think when you read the motion, that is what it did, but I think your explanation of the rule was it precluded the amendments. So the question here is, are we precluding other amendments or are we including the amendments? My understanding of what you just explained to us is that his motion included all other amendments. He cannot preclude any other amendments. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule 61, a motion may embrace any and all pending amendments, which means cut off from consideration those other amendments, the same procedure which occurred on the rules motion to move the previous question. Since that was an issue, the scope of it, Mr. Daley, before, I think Mr. Perzel was clarifying it this time so that question did not arise again.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, my understanding of this previous motion is only on the question of the Argall amendment. It is not on the bill itself, the motion on the bill. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. If the House adopts the motion to move a previous question, then you go to the consideration of the amendment. If the amendment is adopted, then you go to the consideration of the— Well, you would not necessarily go to the consideration of the bill; we have to take business at that point.

Mr. DALEY. And can any other amendments then be offered, if his amendment did not preclude any other amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No; it precludes the other amendments.

Mr. DALEY. It does?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. DALEY. Could you repeat Mr. Perzel's motion then so we can hear it?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion has been stated by Mr. Perzel. I explained what the motion was in the ruling.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to be recalcitrant. I just did not understand the explanation the first time, and I just asked for all of us, both Republican and Democrat, that we understand what the motion is that we are going to be considering.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I am not sure I can repeat that word for word. Let me consult.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, we have a stenographer here that might be able to give us the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Daley, to my understanding and recollection, the gentleman, Mr. Perzel, made a motion to move the previous question on the adoption of the Argall amendment No. 114, and then to clarify for the House the scope of his motion, which was the question that we addressed when we dealt with the rule change, he said that, to make no mistake, it would preclude all other amendments, meaning including within rule 61, that all pending amendments would then not be heard.

Mr. DALEY. I think I do understand what you are saying, and you are telling us that on Mr. Perzel's explanation of his motion, that is what he said in his explanation. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. DALEY. Then I ask, then that motion for the previous question did not include that in the motion itself, and all the seconds to that motion were only to the motion to move the previous question on just the Argall amendment. It did not include any language by Mr. Perzel when he made the motion and the seconds to that motion were made for any additional preclusions or exclusions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, made his motion, which was seconded, Mr. Daley. You cannot change that motion and seconds.

Mr. DALEY. Well, I understand that, Mr. Speaker. I am just not understanding what you are saying. Mr. Perzel made a motion to move the previous question on the Argall amendment, and I think you just explained to us as further explanatory purposes that he said he wanted to preclude all other amendments in that motion. Mr. Speaker, he cannot do that. It is my understanding that that has to be stated in the motion when the motion is stated on the floor of the House. It was not done.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That was part of his motion. Sometimes people make motions, members of the House, which are a sentence or two sentences or three sentences rather than in one line. So that was part of his motion.

Mr. DALEY. Okay. Mr. Speaker, that is why I asked you if you could just repeat back to me or the stenographer can repeat back to us what the motion was, and if that was his motion, I have no debate with you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Okay; I just did explain it.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Thomas, desire recognition? Oh; excuse me.

Mr. THOMAS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I apologize. The gentleman, Mr. Wansacz, was next.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Wansacz, desire recognition?

Mr. WANSACZ. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. WANSACZ. A parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. WANSACZ. This is the first time this has ever happened in my brief career here in the legislature. When the gentlemen and the gentleladies rose to support the motion, did that take away my right to offer an amendment that would have appropriated \$10 million for passenger rail service from Lackawanna County through Monroe County to New Jersey?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion to move the previous question, if adopted by the House, which the House has the authority to do, if the House adopts that motion, other amendments would be out of order.

Mr. WANSACZ. So with those 20 members, by them standing up and seconding that motion, it took away my right to offer this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not correct, and that is not a correct parliamentary inquiry. The effect of the motion is a correct parliamentary inquiry. If this House as a body adopts the motion, the other amendments would be out of order.

Mr. WANSACZ. Can you read back the 20 members that rose?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That will be part of the Journal when it is printed.

Mr. WANSACZ. So that will be part of the public record then?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. That is why it is read into the record.

Mr. WANSACZ. Thank you.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Thomas. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. THOMAS. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know you have offered clarification on several things. I just need the record to be clear that the majority leader's motion precludes the introduction and consideration of amendment 133 to amendment 114, which would have dealt with behavioral health; amendment 137 to amendment 114, which would have dealt with apprenticeship job training; amendment 142 to amendment 114, which would have dealt with uninsured children and families; amendment 143 to 114, which would have dealt with expanded medical services for women—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, will you suspend. Any amendment, if the motion is adopted, would be out of order. So any amendment which is listed on the House voting schedule, the gentleman is correct, if that is your inquiry.

Mr. THOMAS. So, Mr. Speaker, that also includes amendments 144 and 145 to amendment 114?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A parliamentary inquiry is to gather information and—

Mr. THOMAS. That is what I seek.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I understand that, and you know and I know, because I know your abilities, that it includes all amendments, if it is adopted.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted the record to be clear. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Sturla, desire recognition?

Mr. STURLA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. STURLA. Point of parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, I have a question about the motion to call the previous question in that it said, "...all other amendments." Is that all other amendments to the Argall amendment, or is that all other amendments to the bill, and can you exclude amendments that may have been drafted to the bill specifically that were not drafted to the Argall amendment; can you preclude them in a motion when what is before the House is that other amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct; you may, according to the rule.

Mr. STURLA. And does it just have to apply to the bill that you are talking about, or could it apply to another bill also? Can you stand up and say, we are going to call the previous question on this amendment and amendments to it and amendments to any other bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Since that is a hypothetical—

Mr. STURLA. Well, I am just trying to find out where the dividing line is here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I understand. But since that is a hypothetical, we will have to examine that for you at another time. It is not something that is before the House, and I would like to investigate that as well.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. So you will get back to me on the public record then also?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I will work to get my best understanding of it for you. Whether I will be up here again at some other time to render that type of information, I do not know.

Mr. STURLA. I would appreciate it if when that information is rendered, it is rendered on the public record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Well, we can discuss that point.

Mr. STURLA. Well, Mr. Speaker, I understand—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, you are giving the Chair a hypothetical which does not apply to something that is right before the House, and what I am telling you is, that is something that we will do our best, make our best effort, to try to respond to you. Now, whether we have the authority to put that on the record, whether it is in just discussions with you or your leadership, we will have to work that out, but we will look into that.

Mr. STURLA. So what you are saying though is, you are not sure about whether it would apply to another bill, but to this bill, any amendment that was drafted to the bill or amendments to the amendment can be included in that motion, even though what is before the House is strictly the amendment, the Argall amendment, currently.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. According to the rule, the motion to move a previous question can embrace any and all pending amendments; that is correct.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. Any and all pending amendments to what is before the House at the time or anything else, because what was before the House at the time was the Argall amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. To HB 648; correct.

Mr. STURLA. No; that was not what was before the House at that point in time. It was the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman asked a parliamentary inquiry, and I have given you the response.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. All right. I am just trying to get this on the record so that we can do this in a few years.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question recurs, will the House adopt the Perzel motion to move the previous question? On that motion, those in favor will vote "aye"; those opposed, "nay."

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—105

Adolph	Evans, J.	Leh	Reichley
Allen	Fairchild	Lewis	Rohrer
Argall	Feese	Lynch	Ross
Armstrong	Fichter	Mackereth	Rubley
Baker	Fleagle	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Flick	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Forcier	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Gabig	Marsico	Schroder
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Birmelin	Gillespie	McNaughton	Smith, S. H.
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stairs
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stiel
Browne	Gordner	Miller, R.	Stern
Bunt	Habay	Miller, S.	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhart	Nailor	Stevenson, T.
Causar	Harper	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Civera	Harris	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hasay	O'Neill	True
Coleman	Hennessey	Payne	Turzai
Cornell	Herman	Perzel	Vance
Crahalla	Hershey	Petri	Watson
Creighton	Hess	Phillips	Weber
Dailey	Hickernell	Pickett	Wilt
Dally	Hutchinson	Raymond	Wright
DiGirolamo	Kenney	Reed	Zug
Egolf			

NAYS—92

Bebko-Jones	Evans, D.	Manderino	Scrimenti
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Corrigan	Horsey	Pistella	Vitali
Costa	James	Preston	Walko
Coy	Josephs	Readshaw	Wansacz
Cruz	Keller	Rieger	Washington
Daley	Kotik	Roberts	Waters
DeLuca	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Wheatley
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—112

Adolph	Egolf	Lederer	Reichley
Allen	Evans, J.	Leh	Rohrer
Argall	Fairchild	Lewis	Ross
Armstrong	Feese	Lynch	Rubley
Baker	Fichter	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fleagle	Maher	Saylor
Bard	Flick	Maitland	Scavello
Barrar	Forcier	Major	Schroder
Bastian	Gabig	Marsico	Semmel
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Birmelin	Geist	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Boyd	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Stairs
Boyes	Gingrich	McNaughton	Steil
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stern
Bunt	Gordner	Micozzie	Stevenson, R.
Butkovitz	Habay	Miller, R.	Stevenson, T.
Cappelli	Harhart	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Causar	Harper	Nailor	Taylor, J.
Civera	Harris	Nickol	Tigue
Clymer	Hasay	O'Brien	True
Coleman	Hennessey	O'Neill	Turzai
Cornell	Herman	Payne	Vance
Crahalla	Hershey	Perzel	Watson
Creighton	Hess	Petri	Weber
Dailey	Hickernell	Phillips	Wilt
Dally	Hutchinson	Pickett	Wright
DiGirolamo	Keller	Raymond	Yudichak
Diven	Kenney	Reed	Zug

NAYS—85

Belbeko-Jones	Fabrizio	Mann	Scrimenti
Belardi	Frankel	Markosek	Shaner
Belfanti	Freeman	McCall	Solobay
Bianucci	George	Melio	Staback
Bishop	Gergely	Mundy	Stetler

Blaum	Goodman	Myers	Sturla
Buxton	Grucela	Oliver	Surra
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Pallone	Tangretti
Casorio	Haluska	Petrarca	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Petrone	Travaglio
Cohen	Harhai	Pistella	Veon
Corrigan	Horsey	Preston	Vitali
Costa	James	Readshaw	Walko
Coy	Josephs	Rieger	Wansacz
Cruz	Kotik	Roberts	Washington
Daley	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Waters
DeLuca	Laughlin	Rooney	Wheatley
Dermody	Leach	Ruffing	Williams, J.
DeWeese	Lescovitz	Sainato	Wojnaroski
Donatucci	Levdansky	Samuelson	Yewcic
Eachus	Manderino	Santoni	Youngblood
Evans, D.			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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 pro tempore. 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?

MOTION FOR PREVIOUS QUESTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the previous question to vote on final passage immediately.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Perzel, moves the previous question that HB 648 be immediately considered.

The motion to move the previous question requires 20 seconds. Those individuals who wish to second that motion will please stand; those who do not wish to move the previous question will please be seated.

The gentleman has a record of the seconds: the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe; the gentleman, Mr. Baldwin; the gentleman, Mr. Cappelli; the gentleman, Mr. Maitland; the lady, Mrs. Taylor; the gentleman, Mr. Phillips; the gentleman, Mr. Argall; the gentleman, Mr. Smith; the gentleman, Mr. Creighton; the gentleman, Mr. Lewis; the gentleman, Mr. Coleman; the gentleman, Mr. Armstrong; the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff; the gentleman, Mr. Allen; the lady, Mrs. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Bunt; the gentleman, Mr. Leh; the gentleman, Mr. Wilt; the gentleman, Mr. Miller; the gentleman, Mr. Sather. The record will also reflect that there are other members standing.

The motion before the House is, will the House adopt the Perzel motion to move the previous question?

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is debatable by floor leaders, in accordance with the precedent of the House. Does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, desire recognition?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DALEY. Parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington County for a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, my question of parliamentary inquiry would be, does HB 648 as amended need a fiscal note provided to the members of the General Assembly so we can look at the impact of this on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our Treasury?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. To answer the gentleman's question, rule 19(a) reads, "No bill, except a General Appropriation bill or any amendments thereto,..." and then it goes on to say, can be passed, et cetera, without a fiscal note. So the general appropriations bill is excluded from the requirement of a fiscal note.

Does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, desire to be recognized?

Mr. DeWEESE. The previous question; cutting off debate. I made a metaphorical reference to Republican Guards. I could have made it to the Soviet Gulag. What a terrible precedent, especially on the Commonwealth budget.

But still the same old story, a fight for love and glory; the fundamental things apply, as time goes by. And partisanship is the quintessential motivation of the Republican Party in this House.

You know, you guys and ladies ought to just put a bandanna over your face, because you are going to rob your local school districts; you are going to rob your local sewage authorities; you are going to rob the moms and dads back home who are paying college tuition. It is a ravaging proposal and a ravaging methodology.

To move the previous question, from high school civics all the way to the U.S. Congress, everyone who has ever studied parliamentary procedure realizes that cutting off debate is a gag rule. It is a very, very serious enterprise.

Now, notwithstanding the stubborn and boisterous broils and battles of the day, we will all come back and fight again. The Democrats will not be chapfallen; we will revive. We will be hyperconscious of what you have done today. None of you can claim any alabaster innocence, but you could not have claimed it before today anyway.

You are shifting, you are shifting the over \$2 billion Tom Ridge deficit back home. Armstrong County, Ford City, those folks back there are going to be paying higher sewage bills. They are going to be shutting down libraries in Ford City or at least reducing services.

This is so, so obvious a partisan move. I cannot believe some of the young military officers who just joined us in the new session of the Assembly, how they could stand at attention and

salute their leadership when they are cutting off debate 145 days earlier than we cut it off last year.

This is a deliberative body, and we are not deliberating. This sacred House chamber is being sullied and besmirched by every vote you take today. You Republicans are really something, and you are shifting the budget deficit of the Commonwealth back to our boroughs and townships and school districts. You are going to cut the hearts out of rape crisis centers and domestic violence advisers; you are going to cut the hearts out of your local school districts. You are going to have all kinds of tax increases throughout Pennsylvania, just so you can momentarily avoid the tough question of the day.

The honorable Governor only asked for 3 weeks so he could blend these two proposals together, and you gainsay him even that modest request.

All you dapper men, clad in Brooks Brothers, and all you lovely women from the suburbs, you ethereally lovely Republican women, you are really hard, tough political operatives, and you are showing it today. I am sure you are very proud of that fact. But you are bereft of idealism; you are bereft of some of the very basic impulses that started in Philadelphia over 200 years ago.

This is a sloppy, lousy, smelly way to do business. I would ask for a negative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, desire recognition?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I do have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. SAMUELSON. The Argall amendment which was just adopted, when I looked on page 97 of that amendment, it did not affect section 2008 of the bill. My amendment, amendment No. 131, is to that section that was not touched by the Argall amendment. I would like to ask if my amendment No. 131 is still in order because it is to language that still exists in HB 648.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, because the motion to move the previous question on that amendment, which encompassed all other amendments, was adopted by the House.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Is that not the motion that is pending before us right now?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. The motion now is to move the previous question on HB 648. We are past that point. That was one motion to move the previous question ago.

Mr. SAMUELSON. With no further amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct. That was what the last motion to move the previous question that was adopted by the House did.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know I have said it before, but I guess I have to say it again. This is Gov. Edward Rendell's budget; they are Gov. Edward Rendell's cuts. We did not touch the document,

Mr. Speaker. We had it drafted. We have brought it before this body today. It is balanced with no tax increase, Mr. Speaker.

I have before me, it says, "NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS - EDWARD G. RENDELL, Governor - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 4, 2003 - CONTACT: Ken Snyder - GOVERNOR RENDELL PROPOSES PLAN FOR PENNSYLVANIA TO LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS." This is a "...necessary first step..." and we have obliged him by bringing that first step before this General Assembly and asking every one of you to vote for it and send it to the Senate and get it to the Governor.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am asking for a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question recurs, will the House adopt the gentleman, Mr. Perzel's motion to move the previous question? Those in favor of the motion will vote "aye"; those opposed, "nay."

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-105

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Baldwin, Bard, Barrar, Bastian, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Boyd, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Cappelli, Causer, Civera, Clymer, Coleman, Cornell, Crahalla, Creighton, Dailey, Dally, DiGirolamo, Egolf, Evans, J., Fairchild, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Gabig, Gannon, Geist, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Gordner, Habay, Harhart, Harper, Harris, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Hickernell, Hutchinson, Kenney, Leh, Lewis, Lynch, Mackereth, Maher, Maitland, Major, Marsico, McGill, McIlhattan, McNaughton, Metcalfe, Micozzie, Miller, R., Miller, S., Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, O'Neill, Payne, Perzel, Petri, Phillips, Pickett, Raymond, Reed, Reichley, Rohrer, Ross, Rubley, Sather, Saylor, Scavello, Schroder, Semmel, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Stairs, Steil, Stern, Stevenson, R., Stevenson, T., Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., True, Turzai, Vance, Watson, Weber, Wilt, Wright, Zug

NAYS-91

Table with 4 columns of names: Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Biancucci, Bishop, Blaum, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Casorio, Cawley, Cohen, Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Evans, D., Fabrizio, Frankel, Freeman, George, Gergely, Goodman, Grucela, Gruitza, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Horsey, James, Josephs, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, McCall, McGeehan, Melio, Mundy, Myers, Oliver, Pallone, Petrarca, Petrone, Pistella, Preston, Readshaw, Scrimenti, Shaner, Solobay, Staback, Stetler, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Thomas, Tigues, Travaglio, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Wansacz

Table with 4 columns of names: Cruz, Daley, DeLuca, Dermody, DeWeese, Diven, Donatucci, Eachus, Keller, Kotik, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Leach, Lederer, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Rieger, Roberts, Roebuck, Rooney, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Washington, Wheatley, Williams, J., Wojnaroski, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak

NOT VOTING-1

Waters

EXCUSED-5

Table with 3 columns of names: Curry, Kirkland, McIlhinney, Pippy, Ryan, Speaker

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

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-113

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Baldwin, Bard, Barrar, Bastian, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Boyd, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Cappelli, Causer, Cawley, Civera, Clymer, Coleman, Cornell, Crahalla, Creighton, Dailey, Dally, DiGirolamo, Diven, Egolf, Evans, J., Fairchild, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Gabig, Gannon, Geist, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Gordner, Habay, Harhart, Harper, Harris, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Hickernell, Hutchinson, Keller, Kenney, Lederer, Leh, Lewis, Lynch, Mackereth, Maher, Maitland, Major, Marsico, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McNaughton, Metcalfe, Micozzie, Miller, R., Miller, S., Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, O'Neill, Payne, Perzel, Petri, Phillips, Pickett, Raymond, Reed, Reichley, Rohrer, Ross, Rubley, Sather, Saylor, Scavello, Schroder, Semmel, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Stairs, Steil, Stern, Stevenson, R., Stevenson, T., Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Tigues, True, Turzai, Vance, Watson, Weber, Wilt, Wright, Yudichak, Zug

NAYS-84

Table with 4 columns of names: Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Biancucci, Bishop, Blaum, Buxton, Caltagirone, Casorio, Fabrizio, Frankel, Freeman, George, Gergely, Goodman, Grucela, Gruitza, Haluska, Mann, Markosek, McCall, Melio, Mundy, Myers, Oliver, Pallone, Petrarca, Scrimenti, Shaner, Solobay, Staback, Stetler, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Thomas

Cohen	Hanna	Petrone	Travaglio
Corrigan	Harhai	Pistella	Veon
Costa	Horsey	Preston	Vitali
Coy	James	Readshaw	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Rieger	Wansacz
Daley	Kotik	Roberts	Washington
DeLuca	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Waters
Dermody	Laughlin	Rooney	Wheatley
DeWeese	Leach	Ruffing	Williams, J.
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Sainato	Wojnaroski
Eachus	Levdansky	Samuelson	Yewcic
Evans, D.	Manderino	Santoni	Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 16, PN 26**, entitled:

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is my understanding that all amendments have been withdrawn.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Schroder
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Semmel

Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Solobay
Birmelin	George	McIlhatten	Staback
Bishop	Gergely	McNaughton	Stairs
Blaum	Gillespie	Melio	Steil
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Goodman	Miller, R.	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Grucela	Mundy	Sturla
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Surra
Caltagirone	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Cappelli	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Causer	Harhai	Oliver	Thomas
Cawley	Harhart	O'Neill	Tigue
Civera	Harper	Pallone	Travaglio
Clymer	Harris	Payne	True
Cohen	Hasay	Perzel	Turzai
Coleman	Hennessey	Petrarca	Vance
Cornell	Herman	Petri	Veon
Corrigan	Hershey	Petrone	Vitali
Costa	Hess	Phillips	Walko
Coy	Hickernell	Pickett	Wansacz
Crahalla	Horsey	Pistella	Washington
Creighton	Hutchinson	Preston	Waters
Cruz	James	Raymond	Watson
Dailey	Josephs	Readshaw	Weber
Daley	Keller	Reed	Wheatley
Dally	Kenney	Reichley	Williams, J.
DeLuca	Kotik	Rieger	Wilt
Dermody	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright
DiGirolamo	Leach	Rohrer	Yewcic
Diven	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Donatucci	Leh	Ross	Yudichak
Eachus	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Egolf			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. VANCE called up **HR 123, PN 808**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 9 through 15, 2003, as "Girl Scout Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Schroder
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Semmel
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Solobay
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Staback
Bishop	Gergely	McNaughton	Stairs
Blaum	Gillespie	Melio	Steil
Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Goodman	Miller, R.	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Grucela	Mundy	Sturla
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Surra
Caltagirone	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Cappelli	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Causar	Harhai	Oliver	Thomas
Cawley	Harhart	O'Neill	Tigue
Civera	Harper	Pallone	Travaglio
Clymer	Harris	Payne	True
Cohen	Hasay	Perzel	Turzai
Coleman	Hennessey	Petrarca	Vance
Cornell	Herman	Petri	Veon
Corrigan	Hershey	Petrone	Vitali
Costa	Hess	Phillips	Walko
Coy	Hickernell	Pickett	Wansacz
Crahalla	Horsey	Pistella	Washington
Creighton	Hutchinson	Preston	Waters
Cruz	James	Raymond	Watson
Dailey	Josephs	Readshaw	Weber
Daley	Keller	Reed	Wheatley
Dally	Kenney	Reichley	Williams, J.
DeLuca	Kotik	Rieger	Wilt
Dermody	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright
DiGirolamo	Leach	Rohrer	Yewcic
Diven	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Donatucci	Leh	Ross	Yudichak
Eachus	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Egolf			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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

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Mrs. LEDERER called up **HR 126, PN 811**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2003 as "Child-care Provider Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Maher	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Saylor
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scavello
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Schroder
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Scrimenti
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Semmel
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Solobay
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Staback
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Boyd	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Goodman	Miller, R.	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Gordner	Miller, S.	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Grucela	Mundy	Sturla
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Surra
Caltagirone	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Cappelli	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Causar	Harhai	Oliver	Thomas
Cawley	Harhart	O'Neill	Tigue
Civera	Harper	Pallone	Travaglio
Clymer	Harris	Payne	True
Cohen	Hasay	Perzel	Turzai
Coleman	Hennessey	Petrarca	Vance
Cornell	Herman	Petri	Veon
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Costa	Hess	Phillips	Walko
Coy	Hickernell	Pickett	Wansacz
Crahalla	Horsey	Pistella	Washington
Creighton	Hutchinson	Preston	Waters
Cruz	James	Raymond	Watson
Dailey	Josephs	Readshaw	Weber
Daley	Keller	Reed	Wheatley
Dally	Kenney	Reichley	Williams, J.
DeLuca	Kotik	Rieger	Wilt
Dermody	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright
DiGirolamo	Leach	Rohrer	Yewcic
Diven	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Donatucci	Leh	Ross	Yudichak
Eachus	Lescovitz	Rubley	Zug
Egolf			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Curry	McIlhinney	Ryan,
Kirkland	Pippy	Speaker

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For the information of the members, there will be no more votes and tomorrow will not be a token session day or a voting session day; tomorrow will not be a token session day or a voting session day.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Wheatley, desire recognition?

Mr. WHEATLEY. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. WHEATLEY. I wanted to submit some comments for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will submit his comments to the clerk.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you.

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

Mr. Speaker, when other freshman legislators and I were elected this past fall, we came thinking that this institution was one that carried honor, integrity, and a commitment to serve the Commonwealth's interests and needs.

Today I am terribly disappointed in the lack of will from this supposed august body to engage in a fair and equitable process of debate and dialogue.

Partisan attempts to push for a quick vote on half a budget plan without allowing for true analysis, debate, or public input in the process is directly against why we are here: to represent and serve the people, not ourselves.

Our Governor has stated that he does not like his first part of the budget detailed in this bill and would like for the General Assembly to give him until March 25 to finalize the second part to his plan and then move to vote on a complete budget plan for the future of Pennsylvanians.

Can we not afford to wait a few weeks to hear the rest of our Governor's budget plan? Can we not afford to let the public voice their opinions? Can we not afford to fully analyze and debate the complete budget to ensure the Commonwealth's recovery?

Upon coming here, I was told that I had entered what had been historically called the people's House. Well, in my opinion, at this particular moment and time, it is not a house of honor and integrity but one of ill repute. And the people of this Commonwealth should be saddened and worried about its future.

I am voting "no" for this bill and ask that everyone else do so for the sake of our Commonwealth.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Waters.

Mr. WATERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make a correction to the record.

On the HB 648 move, my switch malfunctioned. I would like to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Boyes, is recognized.

Mr. BOYES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee at the rear of the House. All members of the Finance Committee should be in attendance at that meeting. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Boyes calls for an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee at the rear of the House. Those members of the Finance Committee, please proceed to the rear of the House.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Washington.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have some remarks to be submitted for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady will submit her remarks. The Chair thanks the lady.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. WASHINGTON submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, I oppose this budget and I plan to vote "no." I oppose this budget because it will hurt the people of the Commonwealth. It is a bad budget, Mr. Speaker.

It is a bad budget. It places too great a burden on those with the least. Let me give you a few examples.

The Human Services Development Fund is cut by almost \$37 million. Behavioral Health, drug and alcohol treatment for low-income and uninsured addicts, is cut by almost \$50 million. And the reimbursements to our county courts, the backbone of our judicial system, are increased so little as to have almost no impact at all.

These cuts will have a negative impact on our communities. These cuts will result in less people getting needed health care, fewer addicts being given an opportunity to put their lives together again, and courts that are even more clogged than they already are.

Mr. Speaker, we should not be asked to and I will not vote for a budget that ignores the needs of so many Pennsylvanians. I vote "no," Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. McGeehan.

Mr. MCGEEHAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to correct the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will please correct the record.

Mr. MCGEEHAN. Thank you.

On final passage of HR 117 and also the motion to table HR 117, my switch malfunctioned. I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Donatucci, desire recognition?

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order.
Mr. DONATUCCI. On HR 117, motion for the previous question, I would like to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

Mr. DONATUCCI. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. COHEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, desire recognition?

Mr. COHEN. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for anybody who is not aware of it, there are now informal discussions in the House Democratic caucus room.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen, announced that there are informal discussions occurring in the House Democratic caucus room for the members of the caucus.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. BUNT submitted the following resolution for the Legislative Journal:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with deepest regrets that the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania notes that Eleanore Hoeffel of Bryn Mawr passed away on February 25, 2003, at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Mrs. Hoeffel distinguished herself as a community activist. For more than fifty years, she served as a volunteer and officer for charitable and cultural organizations. She was a former President of the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club and the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Clubs of America. She also served as Treasurer of the Acorn Club in Philadelphia and Cochairwoman of the Associates of the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoeffel will be remembered as an outstanding citizen who demonstrated unrivaled ability, noble concern for her community and fellow citizens and a dynamic record of leadership and service; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania note with great sadness the passing of Eleanore Hoeffel; and extend heartfelt condolences to her husband, Joseph M. Hoeffel, Jr., M.D.; son, Congressman Joseph M. Hoeffel III; daughter, Eleanore H. Gadsden; and five grandchildren; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representatives Raymond Bunt, Jr., Jacqueline R. Crahall, Eugene F. McGill, Kate Harper, Mary Ann Dailey, Roy W. Cornell, Melissa Murphy Weber, Ellen M. Bard, John W. Fichter, Robert W. Godshall, George T. Kenney, Jr., Carole Rubley, Lawrence H. Curry and Daylin Leach, be transmitted to Joseph M. Hoeffel, Jr., M.D., 25 Pond Lane, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.

Matthew Ryan
Speaker of the House
ATTEST:
Ted Mazia
Chief Clerk of the House

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Freeman, who submits the following supplemental report for the Committee on Committees, which the clerk will read.

The following report was read:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

In the House of Representatives
March 6, 2003

Resolved that

Rep. Kathy Manderino, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Children & Youth Committee vice Rep. Curtis Thomas resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Robert Freeman
Democratic Chairman
Committee on Committees

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there any other announcements? Corrections of the record? Any business? Democrat floor leaders? Majority floor leaders?

Does the gentleman, Mr. McGill, desire recognition?
Mr. MCGILL. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to congratulate you today on a job well done, under some trying circumstances. So thank you for your fine work while the Speaker is in the hospital recuperating.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 55, PN 58 By Rep. BOYES

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for deposit of funds from the sale of abandoned and unclaimed property; providing for the Public School Capital Projects and Technology Fund; and providing for an annual appropriation to the Department of Education.

FINANCE.

HB 200, PN 229 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 tax.

FINANCE.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from McKean County, Mr. Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, March 10, 2003, at 1 p.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 2 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.