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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (JOHN M. PERZEL)

PRESIDING

PRAYER

REV. DR. WILLIAM STICKLEY, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning.

Once again I bring you greetings from the assembled people of God of Christ Lutheran Church, on the hill overlooking Linglestown.

Please know that as our elected Representatives, you are constantly in our prayers.

Please join with me now in prayer:

Merciful and loving God, from this place of competing and sometimes even strident voices and many words, we come to You this day on behalf of all the voiceless ones. We call to Your memory and to ours the many children of this Commonwealth who live in situations of emotional and physical abuse and who cannot speak for themselves. We call to Your memory and to ours the elderly of this Commonwealth who live alone and in poverty and whose voices are seldom heard. We call to Your memory and to ours the mentally and physically challenged persons of this Commonwealth who cannot find their voice. We call to Your memory and to ours the chronically ill of this Commonwealth and those to whom death draws near, whose voices are too weak to be heard.

Help us all, but especially the men and women of this legislative body, to listen more attentively so we may hear their cries. Help us all, but especially the men and women of this legislative body, to listen with caring hearts and with compassionate minds. Help us all, but especially the men and women of this legislative body, to be the voices of the voiceless ones and to work tirelessly on their behalf. Help us all, but especially the men and women of this legislative body, to hear Your voice in the voiceless ones and to respond to Your call.

And hear us, Lord, as we call out to You, and answer this our prayer, in accordance with Your will and in Your most holy name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, November 17, 2003, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE BILLS

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2154 By Representatives PAYNE, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUXTON, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, DAILEY, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, EGOLF, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, KELLER, S. MILLER, O'NEILL, PISTELLA, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD and McGEEHAN

An Act requiring procedures for the administration of medications to certain residents of long-term care facilities; imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare; and further providing for licensing.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, November 18, 2003.

No. 2155 By Representatives B. SMITH and STABACK

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for classes of fishing licenses, permits related to fishing, fishing license fees and boat registration fees.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, November 18, 2003.

No. 2156 By Representatives CAUSER, ARGALL, BAKER, BISHOP, BOYD, CAPPELLI, COLEMAN, CRAHALLA, DeWEESE, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOOD, GORDNER, HASAY, HERSHEY, KOTIK, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MAJOR, O'NEILL, PHILLIPS, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SOLOBAY, R. STEVENSON, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TURZAI, YUDICHAK, MUNDY, E. Z. TAYLOR, ARMSTRONG, FABRIZIO, DALLY, WEBER 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 sales of State-owned vehicles and equipment to municipalities; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 18, 2003.

No. 2157 By Representatives CURRY, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BROWNE, BUNT, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEDERER, MANDERINO, PISTELLA, ROSS, TANGRETTI, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, TRUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for lead poisoning prevention and control in rental housing and for penalties.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, November 18, 2003.

No. 2158 By Representatives LEACH, STURLA, MANN, CORRIGAN, GOODMAN, GERGELY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD and DeWEESE

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for contributions of refunds to the World Learn Fund by checkoff.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 18, 2003.

No. 2159 By Representatives HABAY, LEDERER, BLAUM, CORRIGAN, COY, DALEY, GEORGE, KELLER, KOTIK, MUSTIO, SCAVELLO, CAPPELLI, CRAHALLA, DENLINGER, ARMSTRONG, GOODMAN, HORSEY and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for location of methadone treatment facilities in certain locations.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, November 18, 2003.

No. 2161 By Representatives TRAVAGLIO, BROWNE, CRAHALLA, CURRY, FABRIZIO, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, LEWIS, MANN, SCAVELLO, SHANER, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for investment of funds and for depositories.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, November 18, 2003.

No. 2162 By Representatives HALUSKA, THOMAS, DeWEESE, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CORRIGAN, FABRIZIO, GERGELY, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, KILLION, KOTIK, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MANN, McCALL, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, NAILOR, PA YNE, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK,

TIGUE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, KELLER, DALEY, BARD, GEIST, WASHINGTON, HESS, PETRARCA, JOSEPHS and McGEEHAN

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, extending benefits to members of certain hazardous material response teams.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 18, 2003.

No. 2163 By Representatives FLEAGLE, FORCIER, MANN, SOLOBAY, SANTONI, METCALFE, FEESE, FICHTER, HARRIS, SURRA, SAINATO, ZUG, GERGELY, SAYLOR, BALDWIN and ROSS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for lighted lamp requirements for motorcycles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 18, 2003.

No. 2164 By Representatives SURRA, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, CAUSER, DALEY, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FORCIER, GERGELY, GODSHALL, GOOD, GOODMAN, HORSEY, JAMES, KIRKLAND, PALLONE, SAINATO, SOLOBAY, STABACK, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for limitations on disclosure of certain records.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, November 18, 2003.

No. 2165 By Representatives WILT, BASTIAN, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, EGOLF, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, HARRIS, HERSHEY, SEMMEL, STERN and ARMSTRONG

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for common-law marriage.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 18, 2003.

No. 2166 By Representatives YUDICHAK, TANGRETTI, NICKOL, GRUCELA, TIGUE, STERN, SOLOBAY, SHANER, REICHLEY, MUSTIO, MUNDY, R. MILLER, MARKOSEK, MANN, KELLER, HARRIS, GOOD, GEORGE, FRANKEL, FABRIZIO, COY, CORRIGAN, CAPPELLI, BELFANTI and YOUNGBLOOD

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 definition of "manufacture."

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 18, 2003.

No. 2167 By Representatives McCALL, ALLEN, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BUNT, CAUSER, COY, DERMODY, DeWEESE, D. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, MELIO, PALLONE, PRESTON, SAYLOR, SHANER, SOLOBAY, TIGUE, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of December 8, 1982 (P.L.848, No.235), known as the Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Act for 1982-1983, itemizing additional local and State bridge projects.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, November 18, 2003.

No. 2168 By Representatives LESCOVITZ, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, EGOLF, GERGELY, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, S. MILLER, REICHLEY, SATHER, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, SAINATO, SOLOBAY and WILT

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 penalties for violation of compulsory attendance requirements.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 18, 2003.

No. 2169 By Representatives LESCOVITZ, BAKER, BEBKO-JONES, CURRY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DONATUCCI, EGOLF, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GOOD, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, McGEEHAN, READSHAW, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, LEACH, S. MILLER, SOLOBAY and TIGUE

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for public information lists.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 18, 2003.

No. 2170 By Representatives READSHAW, ADOLPH, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, GEORGE, GERGELY, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARHART, HERMAN, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McGEEHAN, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, REICHLEY, ROONEY, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, THOMAS, WALKO, WATERS, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

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 the definition of "income."

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 18, 2003.

No. 2171 By Representatives READSHAW, ADOLPH, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY,

DALEY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, GERGELY, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARHART, HERMAN, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McGEEHAN, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, REICHLEY, ROONEY, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, THOMAS, WALKO, WATERS, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for the definition of "income" as it pertains to the PACE and PACENET programs.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 18, 2003.

No. 2172 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BIRMELIN, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BASTIAN, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, EGOLF, GEIST, GINGRICH, HARHART, HARRIS, HORSEY, LEACH, O'NEILL, PAYNE, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCRIMENTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, VANCE, WASHINGTON, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for certain rights of foster parents.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 18, 2003.

No. 2173 By Representative GODSHALL

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special hauling permits as to weight and size and for conditions of permits and security for damages.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 18, 2003.

No. 2175 By Representatives GORDNER, ZUG, BISHOP, BOYD, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, COSTA, CURRY, DALEY, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARHART, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MUNDY, PALLONE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, SOLOBAY, STERN, STURLA, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and CAUSER

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1993 (P.L.487, No.73), known as the Early Childhood Education Professional Loan Forgiveness Act, further defining "qualified applicant"; further providing for Early Childhood Education Professional Loan Forgiveness Program; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 18, 2003.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 481 By Representatives DALLY, ALLEN, ARGALL, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, GABIG, GEIST, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KELLER,

LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, LEWIS, MANN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SEMMEL, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, WILT, ZUG, TURZAI, J. EVANS, WEBER, YOUNGBLOOD and ROBERTS

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the length of the school day and the school year throughout the nation and the State and to report its findings to the General Assembly.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 18, 2003.

No. 485 By Representatives GEORGE, DeWEESE, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, COHEN, CRAHALLA, DALEY, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, FABRIZIO, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, McGEEHAN, MELIO, PISTELLA, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass and President George W. Bush to sign into law legislation that would ensure the integrity and reliability of the nation's electric transmission grid.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, November 18, 2003.

SENATE MESSAGE

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate
November 17, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, November 24, 2003, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, November 24, 2003, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 30;
HB 657;
HB 792; and
HB 2090.

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 30, PN 2908; HB 657, PN 2747; HB 792, PN 924; and HB 2090, PN 2907.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 30;
HB 657;
HB 792; and
HB 2090.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be taken off the table:

HB 700;
HB 847; and
HB 1126.

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

BILLS TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be placed upon the table:

HB 700;
HB 847; and
HB 1126.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to leaves of absence and notes that the minority whip asks for no leaves of absence for his side of the aisle.

The majority whip respectfully asks for a leave of absence for the gentleman from York, Mr. SAYLOR, for the day. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll. The clerk will record the vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Steil
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causar	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
Civera	Harhai	Nickol	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Cornell	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Horsey	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	James	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Demody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGirolo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—1**

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GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The following are guests of Representative Chris Ross; there are four guest pages from the Kennett Middle School: Blake Davenport, Alyssa Weaver, Ayla Benge, and Leila Nashed. Also, welcome their teacher and their families who are seated in the gallery: Steve Finegan, Bruce Benge, Elizabeth Weaver, and Kim and Ziad Nashed. Would those guests all please rise and be recognized by the House of Representatives.

The Chair welcomes the senior government class from Antietam High School in Berks County. They are the guests today of Representative Santoni. They are in the balcony. Would they please rise.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who calls for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 888, PN 2919 (Amended)

By Rep. S. SMITH

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for definitions, for program generally, for generic drugs, for restricted formulary, for reimbursement, for nonliability, for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier, for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Board; providing for pharmacy best practices and cost controls; further providing for penalties, for the Prescription Drug Education Program, for terms of rebate agreement and for amount of rebate; providing for a Pharmaceutical Assistance Clearinghouse; further providing for annual report to General Assembly; and providing for construction with Federal programs and for continued use of Tobacco Settlement Fund.

RULES.**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 752, PN 2917 (Amended)

By Rep. O'BRIEN

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

JUDICIARY.

HB 1980, PN 2585

By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending the act of May 26, 1988 (P.L.448, No.73), known as the College and University Security Information Act, further providing for crime statistics and security policies and procedures.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2046, PN 2696

By Rep. O'BRIEN

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

JUDICIARY.

CALENDAR**RULES SUSPENDED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clarion, Mr. McIlhattan.

Mr. McILHATTAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended for immediate consideration of HB 1618, PN 2746.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Steil
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causser	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
Civera	Harhai	Nickol	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Cornell	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Horsey	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	James	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnarowski

Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

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A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1618, PN 2746**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

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?

Does the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Vitali, wish to be recognized?

Mr. VITALI. Yes, Mr. Speaker. This caught me a little off guard. Just a brief explanation. I am sure it is harmless, but I just do not know what is in it.

The SPEAKER. Mr. McIlhattan. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, has asked for a brief explanation of the bill. Would the gentleman please give that brief explanation.

Mr. McILHATTAN. Mr. Speaker, this legislation would codify the existing Science in Motion program. Specifically, the Science in Motion program is a program whose purpose is to improve science education in the public and nonpublic school districts that participate in this program. This is accomplished by making high-tech scientific instruments and equipment available to school districts and providing professional development to science teachers employed in the participating school districts.

We call this program the Science in Motion program, Mr. Speaker, because regional consortiums are formed between institutions of higher education and a group of school districts. The higher education institution buys or leases the high-tech scientific equipment and loans it out to the school districts, and they instruct the teachers in the school districts how to use the equipment to teach their students and to develop advanced courses in their science curriculum. This program is really a

great asset to the poor school districts in Pennsylvania that do not have the funds to purchase the state-of-the-art science equipment.

This program has been very successful. Peter Jennings recently did a 5-minute segment on this program on the NBC Nightly News. Just 2 months ago, the Council of State Governments recognized this program for being so innovative and cost effective.

Last year the program served 145,000 students in 120 school districts, Mr. Speaker. This is a very successful program. It deserves to be codified in State law, and this is what HB 1618 does.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Stairs.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I join my colleague, Representative McIlhattan, in strongly urging the members to support this legislation.

To make a long speech short, during these very difficult fiscal times we are in, this is one of the best ways to improve education with the least amount of dollars. The different colleges across the Commonwealth that go to our schools, particularly in rural areas, to educate our children about science and get them excited about science, you cannot beat this.

So I hope that members support this 100 percent, because it is a great way to bring our Pennsylvania schools up to world-class competitiveness in a short period of time and give a great bonus to our children.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again, this is a great, great way to improve Pennsylvania education. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair apologizes, Mr. Vitali. I thought you asked for a brief explanation of the bill, and Mr. McIlhattan provided that explanation. I did not realize you wished to seek further recognition. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I guess I just wanted to continue with the interrogation.

You mentioned this changes the existing program. My question really is, how does it change the existing program?

Mr. McILHATTAN. It does not really change the existing program. What it does is codify a good program into statute and law. Historically, this program is not written into law. It is something we have to negotiate every time at budget time, give-and-take and everything else, and I think this program has deserved a rightful place in statute at this time, because it has been so successful.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you. That concludes my questioning.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, 1,000 years ago the great equalizer was the ability of just a few people to read textbooks. We have come a long way in that now the great equalizer is not just to read but to have at people's disposal and primarily our kids, which is our intellectual capital, to have at their disposal technology, Mr. Speaker. It is the next level. It supersedes books, and it supersedes, really, part of the ability to just flat out read.

If we can expose our kids to technology – and this bill does in fact expose our kids to technology – we need to do it, Mr. Speaker, and we need to do it as rapidly as we can, because there is no cold war anymore; there is no war between philosophies, between communism and democracy.

Democracy has won that war. The next war will be the war concerning who are the smartest group of people in the world and who are not, and this bill helps say something about America; it helps say something about Pennsylvania. When this legislature passes this bill – and I want to encourage everyone to support this bill – this bill is about who will be producing the highest level of intellectual capital, and I would like Pennsylvania to be in the foreground of that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Huntingdon, Mr. Sather.

Mr. SATHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am pleased to stand in support of this legislation.

Some 4 years ago, maybe 5 years now, I had the privilege of offering legislation that would place \$300,000 in our State budget – we had to change a line item – so that this program could continue. At that time it was only one college, Juniata. Now there are 10 or 12 colleges and universities and more who want to participate in this program. It not only whets the appetite of the student body by bringing projects to them in the vans, but it also brings the teachers into the curriculum of learning in the summer months, expressing further desire to have the most modern equipment so that our young people can compete in the future with science and science technology.

It is now the intent to put an item in the budget, and I wholeheartedly support this effort, and I hope everyone will support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton, Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I did not plan on speaking, but I wanted to respond to one previous comment that was made.

One of the speakers was very effusive in his praise for this program, and it is a wonderful program. The science technology partnerships are in place at between 15 colleges and local high schools in 15 areas of the State. It is a marvelous program.

But the one comment that was made earlier was that technology supersedes books, and I do not think there can be anything further from the truth. In fact, the debate we are having in Harrisburg right now on our State budget includes a very important element: finding a way to restore funding to our public libraries. We all know that as we speak today, our public libraries are being cut by \$37.6 million, and that is one of the parts of the budget negotiations. Many of us are trying to put that money back. We have to restore our commitment to our public libraries, and we have to change that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Horsey, for the second time.

Mr. HORSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I by no means meant to denigrate books and/or libraries, but, Mr. Speaker, if you come from my community, if you come from a rural community, the reality is, this bill does not go far enough. Books are antiquated. If we provided every student – books are antiquated – if we provided every student with a computer, with that computer he can access every book ever produced in the entire world, with one simple computer, Mr. Speaker.

So in a sense, we have got to move our society to the next level, and the next level is technology, and the next level is to push books out of the classrooms, to push books out of the libraries, and to go to science technology, which allows one computer to access every single book ever produced in the history of mankind.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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.

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Micozzie.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended for immediate consideration of HB 1211, PN 2632.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Saylor

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1211, PN 2632**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for personal needs allowance deduction for medical assistance eligible persons in nursing facilities.

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?

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Saylor

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 856, PN 2187**, entitled:

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 school police officers.

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?

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

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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.

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Browne.

Mr. BROWNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of the House be suspended for immediate consideration of HB 2083, PN 2773.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2083, PN 2773**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for child custody jurisdiction and enforcement.

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?

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

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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 445, PN 523**, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensure of individuals providing sign language interpreting and transliterating services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; and imposing duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Department of Labor and Industry.

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

Mr. NAILOR offered the following amendment No. **A3873**:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 through 5, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Providing for the establishment of standards for providing sign language interpreting and transliterating services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in this Commonwealth who hold themselves out as qualified sign language interpreters and transliterators.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 16; pages 2 through 7, lines 1 through 30; page 8, lines 1 through 23, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sign Language Interpreters and Translitterators Registration Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Applicant.” An individual who is applying for registration as a qualified interpreter or a qualified transliterator.

“Deaf.” A natural person who is deaf and hard of hearing.

“Department.” The Department of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth.

“Interpreting.” The process of conveying English in grammatically correct American Sign Language and the process of conveying American Sign Language in grammatically correct English.

“Office.” The Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Department of Labor and Industry.

“Qualified interpreter.” An individual registered under this act who engages in interpreting.

“Qualified transliterator.” An individual registered under this act who engages in transliterating.

“Registrant.” An individual registered under this act as either a qualified interpreter for the deaf or a qualified transliterator.

“Transliterating.” The process of conveying spoken or written English in an English-based sign system and the process of conveying an English-based sign system in spoken or written English.

Section 3. Department responsibilities.

The department shall have the power and duty to do all of the following:

- (1) Administer this act.
- (2) Register applicants in accordance with section 5.
- (3) Maintain a list of all registered interpreters and transliterators and make this list available upon request to the public and to Federal, State and local agencies.
- (4) Promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 4. Registration required.

(a) Registration.—It shall be unlawful for a person to hold himself out as a qualified interpreter, qualified transliterator or to use similar titles or designations in any manner whatsoever unless the person is currently registered under this act.

(b) Exceptions.—A person who violates this section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for a first violation. A person who is convicted of a subsequent violation of this section commits a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

Section 5. Registration, qualifications, renewal fees and records.

(a) Application.—An individual may apply to the office for registration. The applicant shall submit to the office the following:

- (1) A completed application for registration.
- (2) Payment of the required fee.
- (3) Proof that the applicant meets one of the following requirements:

(i) The applicant is certified by the National or local Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., or the National Association of the Deaf.

(ii) The applicant meets registration requirements established by the office pursuant to its regulations.

(b) Renewal.—A registrant shall renew registration on a biennial basis by submitting to the office the information and fee required by subsection (a).

(c) Registration cards.—The office shall review each completed application for registration and renewal and issue a registration card to an applicant when it is satisfied that the individual meets the criteria of this section.

(d) Fees.—The fee for registration or renewal of an existing registration shall, unless modified by regulations, be \$10.

Section 6. Proof of registration.

A registrant shall provide proof of current registration under this act to the person receiving transliterating or interpreting services.

Section 7. Change of personal information.

A registrant shall notify the office of any change of name or mailing address within ten days.

Section 8. Confidential communications.

A registrant who acquires information protected by law as a confidential communication in the course of providing interpreter or

transliterator services to or on behalf of a person who is deaf may not be required to disclose this information in any legal proceeding, trial or investigation before any governmental unit without the consent of the individual receiving transliterating or interpreting services. A registrant shall hold the legal privilege that applies to the individual receiving the services.

Section 9. Registration violations.

(a) Violations.—The department shall have authority to impose disciplinary or corrective measures, or levy civil penalties on a registrant for any or all of the following reasons:

(1) Obtaining a registration or biennial renewal through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

(2) Being convicted of a felony or of a crime in this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction relating to the providing of transliterating or interpreting services.

(3) Being the subject of disciplinary or other administrative action taken against a registration, certification or license to provide transliterating or interpreting services by the authority of another state or government agency.

(4) Committing fraud, gross negligence or misconduct relating to transliterating or interpreting services.

(5) Engaging in any other misconduct related to the provision of transliterating or interpreting services as determined by the office pursuant to its regulations.

(6) Being incompetent to provide interpreter or transliterator services.

(7) Violating any provision of this act or the office’s regulations.

(8) Failure to comply with a lawful order entered in a disciplinary proceeding under this act.

(b) Procedure.—Actions relating to violations of this act under this section shall be subject to the right of notice, hearing in adjudication in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and procedure). The department shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and to compel the production of documents, books and papers in a hearing and to administer oaths.

Section 10. Disciplinary or corrective action.

(a) Action.—When the department is empowered to take action for registration violations pursuant to this act, the department may:

(1) Suspend, deny, refuse to renew or revoke a sign language interpreter registration of an individual.

(2) Issue a public reprimand.

(3) Require the registrant to take refresher educational courses or training.

(4) Require the registrant to provide transliterating or interpreting services under supervision or other conditions or restrictions as the department finds is in the best interest of the public health and safety.

(b) Surrender of registration.—If a registration has been suspended or revoked, the individual shall return the registration to the office in the manner the office directs. An individual who fails to return the registration in accordance with this section commits a summary offense.

(c) Reapplication.—An individual whose registration has been revoked may reapply for registration in accordance with section 5 no earlier than five years after the date the previous registration was revoked.

(d) Civil penalty.—In addition to any other action provided for in this act, the department may levy a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation on any registrant who violates this act or upon any person who provides or offers to provide transliterating or interpreting services without being currently registered. The department shall levy this penalty only after affording the accused party the opportunity for a hearing as provided for in section 9(b).

Section 11. Effect of order.

A decision and order of the department from which no timely appeal is taken to a court of competent jurisdiction shall be a final order and shall be enforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 12. Injunctive relief.

If an individual violates this act, the director of the office, the office or an affected consumer of interpreting or transliterating services may maintain an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction or other process restraining or prohibiting the individual from engaging in the activity. In any proceeding under this section, it shall not be necessary to show that any person is individually injured. If the court finds that an individual has violated this act, it shall enjoin the individual from engaging in the activity.

Section 13. Applicability.

The provisions of this act shall apply to any interpreting or transliterating service that is provided on or after the July 1, 2004.

Section 14. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Nailor, for a brief explanation of the amendment.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is an agreed-upon amendment, and what it does is, the initial bill that started in the Senate, with Senator Lemmond – and I have worked very closely with him – actually asked for the licensure of interpreters and transliterators in Pennsylvania. We felt that was a bit much, and it was a duplication of national tests that are recognized throughout this nation, so we are looking more at certification and registration, and this amendment would allow us to do that in Pennsylvania, and it is supported by the deaf and the hard-of-hearing community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
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Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
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Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
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Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
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Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causer	Haluska	Myers	Thomas

Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
Civera	Harhai	Nickol	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
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Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
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DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–1

Saylor

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cruz.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I was going to introduce an amendment to this bill also, but I am pulling out the amendment, and I am introducing it in bill form.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson

Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
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Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Steil
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causar	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
Civera	Harhai	Nickol	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Cornell	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Horse	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	James	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. GODSHALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. Godshall, for the purposes of an announcement.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday I made the announcement about the Travel and Tourism tour this afternoon to Cabela's; it would be immediately after session. That has been changed. The bus will be out at 3:15 at the fountain area, leaving promptly at 3:30. So we will be leaving at 3:30. We should be back here approximately 9, 9:15.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1654, PN 2816**, entitled:

An Act providing for funding for an education and training program for municipal inspectors; and making repeals.

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?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-195

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Sather
Baldwin	Feese	Mackereth	Scavello
Bard	Fichter	Maher	Schroder
Barrar	Fleagle	Maitland	Scrimenti
Bastian	Flick	Major	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Manderino	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Mann	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Markosek	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	Marsico	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McCall	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGeehan	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McGill	Steil
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Miller, R.	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, S.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Mundy	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mustio	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Myers	Taylor, J.
Causar	Haluska	Nailor	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nickol	Tigue
Civera	Harhai	O'Brien	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	Oliver	True
Cohen	Harper	O'Neill	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	Pallone	Vance
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Corrigan	Hennessey	Petrarca	Vitali
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Crahalla	Hess	Phillips	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Pickett	Waters
Cruz	Horse	Pistella	Watson
Curry	James	Preston	Weber

Dailey	Josephs	Raymond	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Readshaw	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Reed	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Roberts	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roebuck	Youngblood
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Yudichak
DiGirolo	Laughlin	Rooney	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	Perzel,
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS-7

Baker	Hutchinson	Metcalfe	Yewcic
Forcier	McIlhattan	Reichley	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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

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

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. MUNDY called up **HR 467, PN 2876**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Children's Health Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Steil
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stern
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.

Causar	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tighe
Civera	Harhai	Nickol	Travaglio
Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Coleman	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Cornell	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Horsey	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	James	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGirolo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 470, PN 2879**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 16 through 22, 2003, as "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
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Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
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Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
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Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Steil

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Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Sturla
Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causer	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
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Clymer	Harhart	O'Brien	True
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Cruz	Horsey	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
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Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
DeWeese	Kotik	Roberts	Youngblood
DiGiroloamo	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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

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Ms. WASHINGTON called up **HR 474, PN 2883**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the racially motivated bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on Sunday, September 15, 1963.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia, Ms. Washington.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am very proud to offer this resolution for adoption which honors the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America and calls for today, Tuesday, November 18, 2003, as OIC recognition day in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady, but we are on the first resolution on the 40th anniversary of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Oh, okay. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just ask for my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote "yes" on the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

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Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
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Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
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Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Biancucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
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Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stetler
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, R.
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Donatucci	Leach	Rooney	
Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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

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Mr. TURZAI called up **HR 478, PN 2887**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2003 as “Lead Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania and commending outreach programs designed to enhance awareness and prevention of lead poisoning.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
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Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
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Buxton	Gordner	Miller, R.	Surra
Caltagirone	Grucela	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Cappelli	Gruitza	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Habay	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Causer	Haluska	Myers	Thomas
Cawley	Hanna	Nailor	Tigue
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Cohen	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
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Cruz	Horsey	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
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Eachus	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Saylor

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. TAYLOR called up **HR 490, PN 2914**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 18, 2003, as “Prematurity Awareness Day” in Pennsylvania and encouraging efforts to fund research and programs to find the causes of prematurity.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not often speak on resolutions, but today we have a group from the March of Dimes, and they are in the gallery, and with your permission, I would like to recognize them at this time, if they would please stand.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-202

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
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Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
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Cruz	Horse	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Hutchinson	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	James	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Josephs	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Kenney	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Killion	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kirkland	Rieger	Yewcic
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Egolf	Leh	Rubley	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Saylor

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. WASHINGTON called up **HR 493, PN 2918**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) for notable service in human resource development.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentledady from Philadelphia, Ms. Washington.

Ms. WASHINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I am proud to offer this resolution for adoption which honors OIC of America and calls for Tuesday, November 18, 2003, as OIC recognition day in Pennsylvania.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Ms. WASHINGTON. Today I have as my guests directors and staff of several State OIC offices. We will be in the rotunda of the Speaker Matt Ryan Building to answer any questions that you may have about the worthy organization.

My guests are Ms. Joyce Chester, Robert Nelson, Jeffery Woodyard, Gerald Mellot, Phyliss Brown-Heyer, C. L. Mannings, Lana Shells, Stan Straughter, and Larry Robertson. They are standing over here. Welcome to the House.

We ask your support on both sides of the aisle.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentledady.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Saylor

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

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gannon, for the purposes of an announcement.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, immediately upon the declaration of the recess, the House Professional Licensure Committee will reconvene yesterday's meeting in the rear of the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Immediately upon the declaration of the recess, the Professional Licensure Committee will reconvene yesterday's meeting in the rear of the hall of the House.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, upon the declaration of recess, the State Government Committee will also meet in the rear of the hall to discuss an issue, so we would ask all members to be present. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Upon the declaration of recess, the State Government Committee will meet in the rear of the hall of the House.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Mr. Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to submit some remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman will please submit his remarks.

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

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

October 21, 2003

The Honorable H. William DeWeese
Democrat Leader
Room 423 Main Capitol

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing this letter to clarify what occurred when voting for House Bill 200 on the morning of Tuesday, October 21, 2003.

I attempted to push the button, however it became stuck and I was locked out of the vote.

It is my intention to explain this situation on record.

Sincerely,
Thomas R. Caltagirone
State Representative

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Raymond.

Mr. RAYMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Immediately upon adjournment, the Liquor Control Committee will meet in room 205 of the Ryan Building.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Immediately upon adjournment, the Liquor Control Committee will meet in room 205 of the Ryan Building.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Semmel.

Mr. SEMMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the purpose of an announcement, I would like to let the members of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee know that the public hearing on transportation security which was scheduled for this Thursday, November 20, has been canceled.

Due to the death of Tom McDole, who served as the legislative affairs director of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council and was indeed a good friend to many members of our committee, I felt it best to afford the members the opportunity to attend the funeral services on this day. Funeral arrangement information is forthcoming to your offices.

The hearing will be rescheduled for December. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, at the call of the recess, there will be a Democratic caucus for informal discussions.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia, Ms. Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have a point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER. The lady will state her point of personal privilege.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce for the record of the House three articles – one from the Philadelphia Inquirer dated Sunday, November 9; also from the Allentown Morning Call dated Tuesday, November 18; as well as the Inquirer article dated November 18. All three articles pertain to an abomination of unorthodox spending of the minority leader, of taxpayer dollars.

It has been 5—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. It has been 505 days—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. —since I or the constituents of the—

The SPEAKER. Would the gentlelady please suspend.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, wish to say something?

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, a point of parliamentary procedure.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point.

Mr. DeWEESE. I avidly embrace the gentlelady's opportunity to share her perspectives, but ad hominem attacks on this floor are not appropriate. In fact, they are contrary to our rules.

If the gentlelady would like to generalize her perspectives about our institutional endeavors, that is wholly appropriate. In fact, this is the forum in which that kind of dialectic would be very welcome. I am certain that the gentlelady has solid points and good perspectives, but for her to use the ad hominem attack, as the Parliamentarian will aver, is unacceptable. She has to be institutional in her remarks rather than personal. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Has the lady concluded her remarks?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady may proceed.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. The reason I am bringing about this subject matter is, it has been 505 days since I or the constituents of the 198th Legislative District have had any staff. The taxpayers of Pennsylvania furnish the moneys that we spend for district office staff as well as our salaries, so I am in the conclusion that the residents as well as myself of the 198th District, we are not residents of Pennsylvania or we are also considered as second-class citizens.

There is no way that I and my constituents can constantly read in the paper about spending habits of the minority leader and we are without staff—

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. —in my district office. There has been no resolution. It has been well over a year of this issue—

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DeWEESE. Point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlelady please suspend.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. The gentlelady's remarks are wholly appropriate until she makes the ad hominem attack, against the man. It has been a parliamentary device for over 200 years. What she has to say is acceptable, appropriate, and welcome in this setting, but she cannot attack one of her colleagues. If her institutional concerns need to be vetted, this is the place to do it, and I welcome the dialogue. I will have a response to her comments in a few moments. But as the Parliamentarian will surely declare, she cannot attack any of us personally.

The SPEAKER. Would the gentleman please come to the rostrum.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. When the Chair recognized the gentlelady from Philadelphia, she was recognized under personal privilege, based on the fact that it was our thought that she was going to talk about the fact that the staff had been cut and this was day whatever it was, as she has done many other times. You have strayed beyond the point of personal privilege and stepped into where you need unanimous consent, and there has been objection, so the lady can no longer proceed.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD submitted articles for the Legislative Journal.

(For articles, see Appendix.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Stairs.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to make an announcement regarding a committee meeting. We are canceling the Education Committee meeting tomorrow, and it is going to be rescheduled or going to be scheduled this afternoon at 2:30 in room 60, or unless if we are in session, we will do it when we adjourn. But it will be 2:30 this afternoon.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Education Committee will meet at 2:30 this afternoon in room 60.

For what purpose does the gentlelady from Philadelphia rise?

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Mr. Speaker, for the record, I would like to know who made the objection and for it to be entered into the record the individual that made the objection.

The SPEAKER. A member of the House informed me that he had an objection to what you were saying, and in consultation with the Parliamentarian, based the decision to not allow you to finish your speech.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Well, therefore, Mr. Speaker, since the objection was made, it is my opinion that the person or persons that made the objection would have no objection to give me some money so that I can run my district office in an appropriate manner, in an appropriate timeframe, with the funding that would be equal to what other members are receiving. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 148, PN 163

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of August 23, 1961 (P.L.1068, No.484), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the creation and administration of a Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection for the insurance of compensation for damages to subscribers thereto; declaring false oaths by the subscribers to be misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation thereof; and making an appropriation," further providing for definitions; establishing a mine subsidence assistance program; and imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 1512, PN 1908

By Rep. B. SMITH

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to provide for the right to hunt and fish.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 1923, PN 2946 (Amended)

By Rep. B. SMITH

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for regulations of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 1996, PN 2948 (Amended)

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for guaranteed energy savings and contracts.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 476, PN 2885

By Rep. ADOLPH

A Resolution urging the President and Congress of the United States to modify and reauthorize the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

SR 98, PN 1278 (Amended)

By Rep. ADOLPH

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to increase the annual Federal capitalization grant to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to better address the tremendous needs across the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HB 2086, PN 2776

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act providing for certain emergency services reimbursements.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Mr. Flick.

Mr. FLICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to remind the members of the Finance Committee that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 10 o'clock will be taking place, and I urge their attendance. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Finance Committee will meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is a wonderful line from Macbeth—

The SPEAKER. Would the gentleman suspend one moment.

The gentleman is entitled to be heard. Please keep the noise levels down.

I apologize, Mr. DeWeese.

The Chair recognizes the minority leader, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is an especially poignant reference from Macbeth: "O, full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife!" I do not really know what the State Senate Republican leaders are saying to their wives at night, but I am rather confident that they should be full of scorpions.

Weeks and weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, we sent a proposal to the State Senate. It would allow for \$1 billion in property tax cuts and a simultaneous realization in the Commonwealth of legalized slot machines at racetracks and additional venues. It would have provided \$250 million in education funding for prekindergarten in Pennsylvania, kindergarten, and smaller class sizes. That proposal has languished in the anonymous arms of the Pennsylvania Senate.

Now, they seem content to languish; they seem content to be casual. They have told us again and again, Mr. Speaker, what they are against. For some reason they are quite chary about telling us what they are for.

We have spent months in deliberation, and this chamber, to its infinite credit, carved a bipartisan proposal, a compromise.

The most important word in the political lexicon is “compromise.” Thanks to the Republican nabobs from Jefferson County and Philadelphia County and Lycoming County and the rugged platoon that followed them into the fray, we were able to send a proposal to the State Senate.

Now, this proposal, Mr. Speaker, if not beloved and embraced unanimously by the Republican Party, at least had some wings. It went to the State Senate. It was embraced by the Governor, Edward G. Rendell. It paralleled his campaign platform of last year. It was embraced by the House Democrats with overwhelming numbers, and there is no doubt that our colleagues in the Senate Democratic Caucus will be there on line ready to move forward for Mr. Rendell’s package.

So out of the five entities, the four caucuses – Republicans in the House, Republicans in the Senate, Democrats in the House, Democrats in the Senate – and the Governor, out of five entities, essentially when you boil it down to the nub, the State Senate Republicans are intransigent, recalcitrant, and bereft of any positive momentum. Where are the Republican Senate leaders? O how full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife. I do not think they are full of scorpions. They should be. They seem so insouciant, Mr. Speaker, and it is about time the people in this State realize that property tax reduction is hanging in the balance.

The Governor already compromises \$1.5 billion in property tax reductions down to \$1 billion. He already took that personal income tax increase of 3.75 down to 3.1. What is wrong with this picture? Republicans in the House, Democrats in the House, Democrats in the Senate, the executive apparatus of Governor Rendell moving toward a completion of the State budget. We are the only State among 50 that is destitute of a final budget authorization. It makes no sense.

Slot machines at the racetracks and other venues has enough support in the State Senate rank-and-file Republican team, but their leaders will not bring it up for a vote. I think it is imperative that we put the microscope of public focus and attention on the Senate Republican leadership and ask them to generate momentum, ask them to come to the table, ask them to tell us what they are willing to embrace. It is imperative, if not incumbent, upon them as leaders in the State to work with the Governor who prevailed with 57 percent of the vote and who has compromised again and again and again for month after month after month, and yet at the same time we have gotten absolutely no action from the State Senate.

I use the bully pulpit today to once again respectfully request that our brothers and sisters in the State Senate Republican Caucus do something, do something.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes, as guests of Representative Fairchild, the fourth grade students from Selinsgrove Elementary School. They are in the gallery. Would those guests please rise.

The Chair would also like to welcome to the hall of the House the Philadelphia Democratic Women’s Club, who are here today as guests of Representative Donatucci and the Philadelphia Democrat delegation.

STATEMENT BY MR. PETRONE

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

Mr. PETRONE. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment regarding my leader’s remarks just a moment ago concerning what is occurring regarding our budget.

I have worked on a bill, HB 777, known as the Horse Racing Industry Improvement Act. In it were some good ideas to help foster the implementation of slot machines at racetracks. Most of the people agreed it was a pretty good idea. Along the way I do not know what happened. I do not know what happened. I do not know who did it. I do not know who is involved. I really am not concerned. Out of this frustration a new word has been coined. It is called “greedlock.” “Greedlock,” Mr. Leader; “greedlock,” Mr. Speaker, and until we correct this problem, nothing, sadly, is going to happen.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Does the majority leader have any further business?

The desk will remain open to receive reports from committees.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1674, PN 2949 (Amended)

By Rep. CLYMER

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Beach Street and Dyott Corporations certain tracts of land located in the bed of the Delaware River in the City and County of Philadelphia.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

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, Mr. Baldwin, from Lancaster County.

Mr. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:42 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.