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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (JOHN M. PERZEL)  
PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

RABBI SOLOMON ISAACSON, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

So I do not forget, later on today we will be distributing wine and matzo for everyone in honor of the holiday of Passover, which begins next Wednesday evening. If anybody is in Philadelphia and would like to attend a Seder, you are more than welcome to give us a call, and we would be honored to have any of you gentlemen or ladies join us for a Seder. If you have never seen one, to be at an Orthodox Seder is a very pleasant and enjoyable experience, and please let us know if you would like to attend.

We stand here before the holiday of Passover, and it reminds us to the fact that we should appreciate what the Almighty gives us. We take sometimes our lives for granted. We do not appreciate the wonderful country that we live in, a country where we are allowed to demonstrate and express ourselves without being afraid that we will be persecuted, without being afraid to say what our opinions are, and afterwards be prosecuted for it.

This is a country based upon liberty and justice, but this is based upon the fact of an incident that took place 3500 years ago when the Jewish people were freed from slavery after being in slavery for 210 years. It was only after they were freed that they began to really appreciate what freedom is. I do not think we need to, all of us, go into slavery for 210 years to appreciate our democratic country – even though I believe I am in a majority of a Republican House here, but the word “democrat,” I did not mean in that sense – in the democracy that we live in.

So I think that we should maybe reflect upon and think about and really appreciate the wonderful country that we live in and all the attributes that this country comes with. We all have deficiencies, and I believe our country has those also, but let us look at the positive, let us look at the glass half full rather than half empty and take advantage of this wonderful country that we live in and to try to make our lives better lives, and we should work together to bring peace on the entire world. Amen.

That being said, I would like to at this moment say a prayer for the soldiers who are now working to maintain that freedom in other parts of the world.

May He who blessed our forefathers, Abraham Isaac, and Jacob, may He bless the fighters of the United States Army, Marines, Air Force, and Navy, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the borders all over the world. May Hashem cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighting men from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness; may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor. May He lead our enemies under their sway, and may He adorn them with the crown of salvation and with the diadem of triumph. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse, for it is Hashem, your God, who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you, and let us say amen.

(Prayer in Hebrew.)

He who grants salvation to the kings and dominion to rulers, whose kingdom is a kingdom spanning all eternities; who releases David, His servant, from the evil sword; who places a road in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, may He bless, safeguard, preserve, help, exalt, make great, extol, and raise high our beloved President, Vice President, Governor, Speaker of the House, and all the members of the House of Representatives.

The King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He sustain them and protect them from every trouble, woe, and injury; may He rescue them; may He gather peoples under their sway and cause their enemies to fall before them wherever they turn. May they succeed.

The King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He put into their heart and into the heart of all of their counselors and officials compassion to do good with us and with all the people of the great State of Pennsylvania.

In their days and in ours, may we be saved, and may the redeemer come quickly. So may it be His will. Now let us all say amen.

Thank you very much. God bless all of you again, and I wish all of you a happy Passover, and I believe Easter is also arriving at the same time. I do not know why it always works out that way. Does it not? But anyway, God bless all of you, take good care, and may He watch over you and protect you and give you much health and happiness.

Thank you, and enjoy the wine and matzo. It is delicious.

#### 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 Tuesday, April 4, 2006, will be postponed until printed.

**SENATE MESSAGE**

HOUSE AMENDMENTS  
TO SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the Senate amendments to **HB 893, PN 3815**.

**SENATE MESSAGE**

HOUSE BILL  
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 2215, PN 3089**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

**BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

Bills numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the titles were publicly read as follows:

**HB 893, PN 3815**

An Act requiring State and local approval for terminations or transfers by municipal authorities; authorizing and requiring cities, boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the supply of water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal authorities organized by counties of the second class, by cities of the second class, by cities of the second class A, by cities of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of the first or second class; authorizing and requiring them to supply to such authorities lists of metered water readings and flat-rate water bills and other data; authorizing them to act as billing and collecting agents for such authorities; conferring certain powers upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in connection therewith; requiring certain procedures to be followed in residential buildings; and making a related repeal.

**HB 2215, PN 3089**

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price determined through competitive bidding, certain lands situate in Columbia Borough, Lancaster County.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

**REPORT SUBMITTED**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the preliminary report to the House Transportation Committee entitled "A Study of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority" submitted pursuant to HR 538.

(Copy of report is on file with the Chief Clerk.)

**HOUSE BILLS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 2495** By Representatives J. TAYLOR, MANDERINO, BEYER, DiGIROLAMO, FICHTER, KENNEY, SCAVELLO, DIVEN, O'BRIEN, E. Z. TAYLOR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BIANCUCCI, BISHOP, BLACKWELL, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, COHEN, COSTA, CURRY, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GERGELY, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HALUSKA, HANNA, JAMES, JOSEPHS, W. KELLER, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LEACH, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MARKOSEK, McCALL, MELIO, MUNDY, MYERS, PALLONE, PARKER, PETRONE, PISTELLA, RAMALEY, READSHAW, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, VEON, WALKO, WANSACZ, WHEATLEY, WOJNAROSKI, YEWCIC, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, WATERS and WILLIAMS

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Accessibility and Insurance Responsibility (PHAIR) Act; establishing a special fund; and providing for civil penalties, for a payroll assessment, for health insurance benefits and for an annual report.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2580** By Representatives HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, RUBLEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CASORIO, CLYMER, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FORCIER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HARPER, HARRIS, HESS, MANN, MARKOSEK, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, MYERS, PALLONE, PAYNE, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, STERN, SURRA, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, TRUE, WANSACZ, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and PICKETT

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2581** By Representatives TIGUE, BARRAR, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRAHALLA, DALLY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FICHTER, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARRIS, KOTIK, LEDERER, MUNDY, NAILOR, PALLONE, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

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, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2582** By Representatives DIVEN, BALDWIN, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COHEN, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DeWEESE, GINGRICH, MANN, MARSICO, PETRONE, PISTELLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, WATSON, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for possession of weapon on school property; providing for school zone firearm safety areas; further providing for the definition of "delinquent act"; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2583** By Representatives HERSHEY, CLYMER, BALDWIN, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARPER, JAMES, M. KELLER, PHILLIPS, SANTONI, E. Z. TAYLOR 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, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2584** By Representatives HERSHEY, BIRMELIN, BELFANTI, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, COHEN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARPER, HARRIS, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KOTIK, LEDERER, McILHATTAN, R. MILLER, MUNDY, NAILOR, PISTELLA, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, STERN, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, YUDICHAK, MAHER and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for umbilical cord blood banking; requiring health care facilities and providers to give pregnant patients information regarding umbilical cord blood donations; and requiring health care facilities to permit pregnant patients to arrange for umbilical cord blood donations.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 5, 2006.

**No. 2585** By Representatives CIVERA, ROHRER, MICOZZIE, ADOLPH, ALLEN, ARGALL, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIANCUCCI, BIRMELIN, BLAUM, BOYD, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLYMER, CORNELL, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DALLY, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, ELLIS, D. EVANS, FICHTER, FLICK, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GABIG, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, HARHAI, HARHART, HARPER, HARRIS, HASAY, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, KENNEY, KILLION, KOTIK,

LEH, LEVDANSKY, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGILL, McILHATTAN, METCALFE, S. MILLER, MUSTIO, PAYNE, PERZEL, PETRI, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, PYLE, QUIGLEY, RAYMOND, REED, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHAPIRO, S. H. SMITH, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, TURZAI, WALKO, WATSON, WHEATLEY, WILT, YUDICHAK, ZUG, MAHER 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 the maximum amounts of educational improvement tax credits.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2006.

### HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 692** By Representatives ROSS, RUBLEY, ARGALL, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CRAHALLA, FRANKEL, GILLESPIE, GOOD, GRUCELA, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, McILHINNEY, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROBERTS, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, STEIL, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, VITALI, WALKO, WATERS, WATSON, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and PETRI

A Resolution directing the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee to study and report on the issue of methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 5, 2006.

**No. 694** By Representatives COHEN, ROEBUCK, LEACH, GEORGE, E. Z. TAYLOR, DeWEESE, JOSEPHS, BEBKO-JONES, BEYER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY, CORNELL, CURRY, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, JAMES, LEDERER, McGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, MELIO, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, RAPP, READSHAW, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, SURRA, THOMAS, TIGUE, VITALI, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD and SAMUELSON

A Resolution calling for the holding of a conference on the use of alternate energy sources in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 5, 2006.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to leaves of absence. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who moves for a leave of absence for the remainder of the day for the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. FLEAGLE. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who moves for a leave of absence for today for the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. RIEGER; the gentleman from Fayette, Mr. ROBERTS. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll, and the members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

**PRESENT—196**

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causser	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenny	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnarowski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	
Fairchild	Maitland		Perzel, Speaker

**ADDITIONS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—6**

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

**LEAVES ADDED—1**

Ruffing

**LEAVES CANCELED—1**

Fleagle

**VOTE CORRECTION**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Reichley, rise?

Mr. REICHLLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a brief correction from yesterday.

On amendment 6491 to HB 2499, I was incorrectly noted in the affirmative and wish to be switched to the negative.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman's remarks will be spread across the record.

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

**HB 1016, PN 3856** (Amended) By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a loan program for local police agencies and emergency medical services organizations funded by a bond issuance and for the responsibilities of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services within the Department of Community and Economic Development; establishing the Police Agency Loan Fund; and conferring powers and duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

**STATE GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 1030, PN 3857** (Amended) By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definition of "class of service multiplier" and for eligibility points for prospective credited service; providing for Class C-1 membership and for election to become a Class C-1 member; further providing for contributions on behalf of active members; and providing for determination of liability for Class C-1 service.

**STATE GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 1729, PN 3853** (Amended) By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for compulsory school attendance and for exceptions to compulsory school attendance; and requiring all public school districts in this Commonwealth to conduct interviews for all students who withdraw or are illegally absent from school.

**EDUCATION.**

**HB 2055, PN 3854** (Amended) By Rep. STAIRS

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 manner of election of district superintendents and assistant superintendents and for their removal.

## EDUCATION.

**HB 2294, PN 3209** By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, further providing for contents of the coordinator's plan.

## STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 2397, PN 3855** (Amended) By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for the length of scholarships; and making an appropriation.

## EDUCATION.

**SB 143, PN 1688** (Amended) By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing parent involvement programs and policies in school districts.

## EDUCATION.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO  
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT****SB 811, PN 1234** By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, further providing for transfers between certain classes and for additional class options.

## STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HARRISBURG LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who moves for a Capitol leave for the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. STAIRS. Without objection, that Capitol leave will be granted.

**CALENDAR****RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 656, PN 3741**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating legendary jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, being a musician myself, I rise today to ask my fellow members of this House to join me in honoring an influential jazz musician. Admired for his strong attack and flawless execution, jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown left his mark on American music.

Born in 1930 in Wilmington and educated in Maryland, Clifford Brown was drawn to music at a young age. Trumpet was his first love. He made his short but vibrant career performing in Philadelphia and Europe. He played and recorded with greats like Dixie Dizzy Gillespie, Dinah Washington, and Charlie Parker.

In 1954 he formed the Brown-Roach Quintet with drummer Max Roach.

Sadly, on his way to Chicago with pianist Richie Powell and his wife, Clifford Brown was killed at the age of 26 in an accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in 1956.

I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring this man by passing this resolution to respect and pay tribute to a talented musician, who was dedicated to his craft but his life was drawn short.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters

Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

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Mr. NAILOR called up **HR 657, PN 3742**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Borough of New Cumberland in Cumberland County.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhatten	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas

Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

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Mr. DERMODY called up **HR 668, PN 3774**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for its contributions to the quality of life of many Pennsylvanians for the past 75 years.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhatten	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil

Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causar	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

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Mr. BUXTON called up **HR 683, PN 3828**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 19, 2006, as "Pride of the Neighborhood Academies, Inc., Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro

Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalf	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causar	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

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Mr. MELIO called up **HR 688, PN 3833**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing support for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund campaign to discourage adults from purchasing or allowing children to access "25 to Life," a video game that displays horrific violence against police officers and innocent bystanders.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

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Mr. RAMALEY called up **HR 690, PN 3834**, entitled:

A Resolution applauding the contributions of Pennsylvania's Taiwanese-American community and joining in support of the participation of the Republic of China in the role of World Health Organization observer.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0



EXCUSED—6

Dermody Lederer Roberts Taylor, E. Z.  
 Fleagle Rieger

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

**HARRISBURG LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Argall, rise?

Mr. ARGALL. To place the gentleman from Westmoreland, Representative STAIRS, on Capitol leave, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. LEACH called up **HR 691, PN 3851**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 24, 2006, as “Pennsylvania’s Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923.”

On the question,  
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O’Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O’Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz

Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Dermody Lederer Roberts Taylor, E. Z.  
 Fleagle Rieger

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

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Mr. HESS called up **HR 693, PN 3852**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 8, 2006, as “Cushing’s Syndrome Awareness Day” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O’Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O’Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.

Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**RULES SUSPENDED**

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

Mr. FLICK. Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of HR 695.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Sipthoth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney

Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Gruclera	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causar	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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.

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. FLICK called up **HR 695, PN 3849**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Feese	Major	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Manderino	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Mann	Samuelson
Armstrong	Forcier	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Sather
Baldwin	Freeman	McCall	Saylor
Barrar	Gabig	McGeehan	Scavello

Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McIlhattan	Semmel
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Shaner
Belfanti	Gerber	McNaughton	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Beyer	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Godshall	Millard	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Miller, R.	Sonney
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Staback
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Stairs
Boyd	Grucela	Mustio	Steil
Bunt	Gruitza	Myers	Stern
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Stetler
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Sturla
Causer	Harper	O'Neill	Surra
Cawley	Harris	Pallone	Tangretti
Civera	Hasay	Parker	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hennessey	Payne	Thomas
Cohen	Herman	Petrarca	Tigue
Cornell	Hershey	Petri	True
Corrigan	Hess	Petrone	Turzai
Costa	Hickernell	Phillips	Veon
Crahalla	Hutchinson	Pickett	Vitali
Creighton	James	Pistella	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Preston	Wansacz
Curry	Kauffman	Pyle	Waters
Daley	Keller, M.	Quigley	Watson
Dally	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kenney	Rapp	Williams
Denlinger	Killion	Raymond	Wilt
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Diven	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Youngblood
Eachus	Leh	Rohrer	Yudichak
Ellis	Lescovitz	Rooney	Zug
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	
Fabrizio	Maher	Ruffing	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Dermody	Lederer	Roberts	Taylor, E. Z.
Fleagle	Rieger		

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

### GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome to the hall of the House Tiffany Michalechen. Tiffany is a senior at Octorara High School and plans to study political science when she attends college. Tiffany is shadowing Representative Art Hershey from Chester County. She is to the left of the Speaker. Would that guest please rise and be recognized.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the break there will be a short Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting in the rear of the House; that is Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting at the break.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will meet at the break.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Immediately upon the call of the recess, there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting held in room 245.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Bunt, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. BUNT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans will meet in informal caucus at the call of the recess by the Speaker. There will be a formal caucus. A time will be announced when we are about 75 percent complete with the informal caucus.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Bunt has done a good job explaining what we can do in uncertain situations. So I will follow Mr. Bunt's formulation and say that immediately there will be informal discussions, and we will let the members of the caucus know when there is a meeting at such time as we ourselves have that information.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. PISTELLA

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Pistella.

Mr. PISTELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to make this announcement, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity of the members of the legislature to have an opportunity to view a piece of history. During the course of the lunch break and the caucus breaks as you are going through your day, if you have the opportunity, the History Caucus, chaired by Representative Lynn Herman and myself, is sponsoring a unique opportunity for all of you to go down to look at and review the Civil War Muster Rolls. The legislature was fortunate enough to go ahead and step forward and put money in last year's budget for the purposes of participating in a Federal grant to save our American treasures. We have the unique opportunity to have those rolls available to show what has been done thus far and what will be done.

So on behalf of Representative Herman and I and all of the members of the History Caucus, I would encourage you to go to

room 60 of the East Wing where we will have a buffet luncheon and we will have the items on display for you to review.

So if you get a chance, please stop down. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. FLICK

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Flick, under unanimous consent.

Mr. FLICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted the members to know that on their desks this morning when they arrived for session, there was a very nice pen from the Keystone State Games. The Keystone State Games, as you all know, is the Pennsylvania Olympics for the high school athletes, and the Keystone State Games appreciates your continued support of their effort, and they wanted to make certain that you knew that they appreciate that support.

Also, the legislative caucus reception, at which time the Kelly Cup will be awarded and individual members, amateur members, who have exceeded all expectations and have been selected athletic stars in their regions will be presented with awards, and that is going to be May 1 from 11 to 2:30.

So we will make certain you have e-mails at that time, and we hope you can all attend the legislative caucus. Representative Cawley and I appreciate your continued support.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for the members of State Government, we will meet immediately in room 205 to finish today's business; that is in room 205 of the Ryan Building immediately at the call of recess so we can complete our agenda.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The State Government Committee will meet immediately in room 205.

Are there any further announcements?

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. There will be an announcement for when we come back from our recess; there will be an announcement on the squawk box.

#### 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.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence in the hall of the House of the gentleman, Mr. Fleagle. His name will be added to the master roll.

#### BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**SB 583, PN 1485**

By Rep. FEESE

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**HB 2547, PN 3870** (Amended)

By Rep. CLYMER

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the concurrence of the Department of Environmental Protection, to lease land within the bed of the Delaware River within the City of Philadelphia.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT.

**SB 601, PN 1692** (Amended)

By Rep. FAIRCHILD

An Act relating to confidentiality of Social Security numbers; and making a related repeal.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

#### BILLS REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**HB 2402, PN 3436**

By Rep. FAIRCHILD

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1919 (P.L.581, No.274), referred to as the First Class City Government Law, further providing for penalty for false personification.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

**HB 2403, PN 3437**

By Rep. FAIRCHILD

An Act repealing the act of June 1, 1915 (P.L.708, No.326), entitled "An act to prevent the wearing of the badge of the Bureau of Police, in cities of the first class, by unauthorized persons, and providing a penalty therefor."

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

#### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 689, PN 3823**

By Rep. FAIRCHILD

A Resolution urging the President and the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action to prohibit the United States Department of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service from promulgating new rules permitting tax preparers to share any or all of

the contents of a consumer's entire tax return with an unaffiliated business.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

### SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILLS RETURNED  
FOR CONCURRENCE AND  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1591, PN 3761; HB 1820, PN 3867; and HB 2054, PN 3848**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 696** By Representatives VEON, DeWEESE, BELARDI, BEYER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, D. EVANS, FRANKEL, JAMES, LaGROTTA, LEH, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, MANN, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PARKER, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WHEATLEY, GEORGE, YUDICHAK, BELFANTI, ROEBUCK, KOTIK, BUXTON, BLACKWELL, WALKO, STABACK, GOODMAN, LEACH, CURRY, MUNDY, WANSACZ, SHAPIRO, JOSEPHS, GRUCELA and YOUNGBLOOD

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive Statewide costing-out study concerning the educational resources and related costs necessary to support the expectations for academic proficiency for all students.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 5, 2006.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

**SB 1007, PN 1650**

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 5, 2006.

**SB 1055, PN 1444**

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2006.

**SB 1068, PN 1467**

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2006.

### COMMUNICATION FROM DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the following communication from the Democratic leader.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg

April 3, 2006

Honorable John P. Sabatina, Jr.  
PA House of Representatives  
125 Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Sabatina:

Please be advised that you have been appointed to serve as Democratic Secretary to the House Local Government Committee for the remainder of the 2005-2006 Legislative Session of the General Assembly, replacing Representative Michael Gerber.

I am pleased to make this appointment and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
H. William DeWeese  
The Democratic Leader

### HARRISBURG LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Blaum, rise?

Mr. BLAUM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To request a Capitol leave for the gentleman, Mr. Dwight EVANS.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

### 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 1820, PN 3867** By Rep. S. SMITH

An Act providing compensation to persons in active service in connection with the Persian Gulf Conflict or their beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the payment of compensation contingent upon electorate approval; creating a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Compensation Bond Fund; imposing powers and duties on the Department of General Services; making appropriations; and making a related repeal.

RULES.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. RUFFING, for the remainder of the day. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

#### BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 1820, PN 3867**, entitled:

An Act providing compensation to persons in active service in connection with the Persian Gulf Conflict or their beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the payment of compensation contingent upon electorate approval; creating a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Compensation Bond Fund; imposing powers and duties on the Department of General Services; making appropriations; and making a related repeal.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Goodman, that the House do concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Goodman.

Mr. GOODMAN. Mr. Speaker, these are agreed-to amendments, and I would ask the members of the House for their support.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### HARRISBURG LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence in the hall of the House of the gentleman, Mr. Stairs. He will be taken off Capitol leave.

The Chair notes the presence on the floor of the House of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Evans. His name will be taken off Capitol leave.

### CONSIDERATION OF HB 1820 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. On the concurrence in Senate amendments, those voting to concur will vote "aye"— The Chair rescinds.

The gentleman, Mr. Nailor.

Mr. NAILOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thought perhaps Representative Goodman might offer a few more words on the concurrence of this bill.

He and I worked together. It has been truly a bipartisan bill, and I think about every member in the House has signed on as a cosponsor, and I am very pleased about that.

I want to thank Chairman Semmel and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for moving this bill, too.

We have a proud tradition in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of honoring those who have served in combat in World War II and Korea and the Vietnam war, and certainly the Persian Gulf war falls in line with that, and they deserve a bonus, and particularly the attention is being paid not only to those – there is a cap put on, but they are paid monthly – but also for those who were captured and were prisoners of war and to the families of those that lost their lives.

We have always done this. It is put on the ballot for the people to vote on, and that is what we are attempting to do. We have worked closely together, Representative Goodman and myself, from the beginning when we introduced this bill, along with Chairman Semmel and Rick O'Leary, our executive director. We have walked this through the House and the Senate, and it is a good bill, and I ask for a concurrence vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Goodman.

Mr. GOODMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank Representative Nailor and all the members for coming together in a bipartisan way to put together a bill that will help our Persian Gulf war veterans. I would like to thank the chairman of the committee and also tell the members that this is supported by the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council and also the joint State Veterans' Commission.

This has 199 cosponsors in the House of Representatives, which shows its bipartisan support. This is a bill whose time has come. In the past we have always given a bonus to World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans. This is a time that we recognize all those men and women who served so honorably in the Persian Gulf war, and I would ask the members for their support of this measure.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Maitland	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Major	Sainato
Argall	Fleagle	Manderino	Samuelson
Armstrong	Flick	Mann	Santoni
Baker	Forcier	Markosek	Sather
Baldwin	Frankel	Marsico	Saylor
Barrar	Freeman	McCall	Scavello
Bastian	Gabig	McGeehan	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Belardi	Geist	McIlhattan	Shaner
Belfanti	George	McIlhinney	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gerber	McNaughton	Siptroth
Beyer	Gergely	Melio	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Gingrich	Micozzie	Solobay
Bishop	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Blackwell	Good	Miller, R.	Staback

Blaum	Goodman	Miller, S.	Stairs
Boyd	Grell	Mundy	Steil
Bunt	Grucela	Mustio	Stern
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Stetler
Caltagirone	Haluska	Nailor	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhai	O'Brien	Sturla
Causer	Harhart	Oliver	Surra
Cawley	Harper	O'Neill	Tangretti
Civera	Harris	Pallone	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hasay	Parker	Thomas
Cohen	Hennessey	Payne	Tigue
Cornell	Herman	Petrarca	True
Corrigan	Hershey	Petri	Turzai
Costa	Hess	Petrone	Veon
Crahalla	Hickernell	Phillips	Vitali
Creighton	Hutchinson	Pickett	Walko
Cruz	James	Pistella	Wansacz
Curry	Josephs	Preston	Waters
Daley	Kauffman	Pyle	Watson
Dally	Keller, M.	Quigley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Williams
Denlinger	Kenney	Rapp	Wilt
DeWeese	Killion	Raymond	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wright
Diven	Kotik	Reed	Yewcic
Donatucci	LaGrotta	Reichley	Youngblood
Eachus	Leach	Roebuck	Yudichak
Ellis	Leh	Rohrer	Zug
Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Rooney	
Evans, J.	Levdansky	Ross	
Fabrizio	Mackereth	Rubley	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maher		Speaker

## NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Rieger	Ruffing	Taylor, E. Z.
Lederer	Roberts		

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

## CALENDAR CONTINUED

## RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Taylor, for the purpose of a motion.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to move at this point to suspend the rules to immediately consider HB 257 and amendment 7238 only.

The SPEAKER. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Taylor, that the rules be suspended for immediate consideration of HB 257 and amendment 7238 only.

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

The SPEAKER. That motion is not debatable.  
Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, this is Representative Cohen's original proposal with the Taylor-Veon amendment included in the body of the bill. I would ask for an affirmative vote. I support my Republican colleague, Mr. Taylor.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-160

Adolph	Fairchild	Manderino	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Mann	Sainato
Argall	Flick	Markosek	Samuelson
Baker	Frankel	Marsico	Santoni
Barrar	Freeman	McCall	Sather
Bastian	Gannon	McGeehan	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Geist	McGill	Shaner
Belardi	George	McIlhatten	Shapiro
Belfanti	Gerber	McIlhinney	Sipthoth
Benninghoff	Gergely	McNaughton	Smith, B.
Beyer	Gingrich	Melio	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Solobay
Bishop	Good	Millard	Staback
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller, S.	Stairs
Blaum	Grell	Mundy	Steil
Bunt	Grucela	Myers	Stetler
Buxton	Gruitza	Nailor	Sturla
Caltagirone	Haluska	O'Brien	Surra
Cappelli	Hanna	Oliver	Tangretti
Casorio	Harhai	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cawley	Harhart	Pallone	Thomas
Civera	Harper	Parker	Tigue
Clymer	Harris	Payne	True
Cohen	Hasay	Petrarca	Veon
Cornell	Hennessey	Petri	Vitali
Corrigan	Herman	Petrone	Walko
Costa	Hershey	Phillips	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Pickett	Waters
Cruz	James	Pistella	Watson
Curry	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller, W.	Pyle	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Quigley	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Killion	Ramaley	Wright
DeWeese	Kirkland	Raymond	Yewcic
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Readshaw	Youngblood
Diven	LaGrotta	Reed	Yudichak
Donatucci	Leach	Roebuck	Zug
Eachus	Lescovitz	Rooney	
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Ross	
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Rubley	Perzel,
Fabrizio	Major		Speaker

## NAYS-36

Armstrong	Fleagle	Maher	Saylor
Baldwin	Forcier	Maitland	Scavello
Birmelin	Gabig	Metcalf	Schroder
Boyd	Gillespie	Miller, R.	Sonney
Causer	Hickernell	Mustio	Stern
Creighton	Hutchinson	Nickol	Stevenson, R.
Denlinger	Kauffman	Rapp	Stevenson, T.
Ellis	Keller, M.	Reichley	Turzai
Feese	Leh	Rohrer	Wilt

## NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-6

Dermody	Rieger	Ruffing	Taylor, E. Z.
Lederer	Roberts		

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 257, PN 3290**, entitled:

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

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

Mr. **TAYLOR** offered the following amendment No. **A07238**:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 through 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), entitled "An act establishing a fixed minimum wage and overtime rates for employes, with certain exceptions; providing for minimum rates for learners and apprentices; creating a Minimum Wage Advisory Board and defining its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; imposing duties on employers; and providing penalties," further providing for minimum wage; and providing for preemption.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 15; page 2, lines 1 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 23, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Section 4(a) and (a.1) of the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, amended or added December 15, 1988 (P.L.1232, No.150), are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 4. Minimum Wages.—Except as may otherwise be provided under this act:

(a) Every employer shall pay to each of his employes wages for all hours worked at a rate of not less than:

(1) Two dollars sixty-five cents (\$2.65) an hour upon the effective date of this amendment.

(2) Two dollars ninety cents (\$2.90) an hour during the year beginning January 1, 1979.

(3) Three dollars ten cents (\$3.10) an hour during the year beginning January 1, 1980.

(4) Three dollars thirty-five cents (\$3.35) an hour after December 31, 1980.

(5) Three dollars seventy cents (\$3.70) an hour beginning February 1, 1989[, and thereafter].

(6) Six dollars fifteen cents (\$6.25) an hour beginning July 1, 2006.

(7) Seven dollars fifteen cents (\$7.15) an hour beginning July 1, 2007.

(a.1) If the minimum wage set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.) is increased above [three dollars thirty-five cents (\$3.35) an hour] the minimum wage required under this section, the minimum wage required under this section shall be increased by the same amounts and effective the same date as the increases under the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the provisions of subsection (a) are suspended to the extent they differ from those set forth under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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(e) In lieu of the minimum wage prescribed in subsection (a) and notwithstanding subsections (b) and (d), an employer may, during the first sixty calendar days when an employe under the age of twenty

years is initially employed, pay the employe training wages at a rate of not less than the minimum wage set forth in section 6(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 206(a)). A person employed at the training wage under this subsection shall be informed of the amount of the training wage and the right to receive the full minimum wage, or a higher wage, upon completion of the training period. No employer may take any action to displace existing employes, including partial displacements such as reduction in the hours, wages or employment benefits of existing employes, for purposes of hiring individuals at the training wage authorized by this subsection.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 13.1. Preemption.—The regulation of minimum wages under this act is a matter of exclusive State control. Minimum wages may not be regulated by any ordinance, home rule charter provision, resolution, contract, rule or regulation of a political subdivision.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of section 13.1 of the act.

Section 4. This act shall apply as follows:

(1) The addition of section 13.1 of the act shall not invalidate any ordinance, charter provision, resolution, rule or regulation in effect on the effective date of this section.

(2) The following provisions shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this section:

(i) The addition of section 13.1 of the act.

(ii) Section 3 of this act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. **TAYLOR**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is really a gut-and-replace of HB 257. It increases the minimum wage immediately on July 1, 2006, to \$6.25 and then to \$7.15 an hour effective July 1, 2007.

Also embodied in this amendment is a training-wage provision which will allow employers to pay less than the minimum wage at \$5.15 an hour for those employees who are 20 and under and work for the first 60 days.

It also includes a preemption provision which prevents municipalities across this Commonwealth from devising their own minimum wage, grandfathering in Philadelphia, which has a minimum-wage standard that is different on employees who have worked under contract with the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, we have not increased the minimum wage in Pennsylvania over and above the Federal standard since 1988. Nineteen other States have done this. Hopefully it is time today to do this and put this issue to rest, and I would ask for your support.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Veon.

Mr. **VEON**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly support the amendment being offered by the gentleman, Mr. Taylor.

First let me thank and commend the gentleman, Mr. Taylor, for his willingness to work together to find language that I am confident can be supported by the vast majority of the members here on the House floor.

I also want to take a moment to thank the gentlemen, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Belfanti, on the Democratic side for the leadership they have provided for many months now. Mr. Speaker, I think we certainly understand that this is a very



big, important step in the right direction to get a minimum-wage increase, get a bill signed into law by the Governor so we can in fact increase the minimum wage for over 400,000 Pennsylvanians.

I strongly support the gentleman's amendment and ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Veon.

Mr. VEON. One other point I wanted to make, if it is in order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. VEON. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, just a very brief interrogation with the gentleman, Mr. Taylor, just to clarify one point in the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. VEON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on the front page of the amendment on line 34, there is what we understand to be a technical mistake in the language, and the written words on line 34 say "Six dollars fifteen cents," and of course in parentheses the numerical change is "\$6.25." I just wanted to point that out and ask the gentleman to confirm my understanding that we are talking about \$6.25 and that this would be considered a mistake by the Reference Bureau for the purposes of passing this bill here today.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, as everyone here knows, this was a lately arrived at agreement. My understanding is this is a typographical error that will be corrected by the Reference Bureau. The number should be in both the written and the numerical, it would be \$6.25 as of July 1, 2006.

Mr. VEON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, new poverty guidelines released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services show the value of the minimum wage for low-income families has dropped again. A family of three with a full-time minimum-wage worker has experienced a \$500 drop in real wages over the last year or the equivalent loss of about 24 cents an hour.

Five dollars and fifteen cents an hour now represents only 64 percent of the poverty level for a family of three. This is the lowest minimum wage in terms of buying power in my lifetime. The minimum-wage worker today would have to work 62 hours a week, 52 weeks a year at two jobs just to meet the family-of-three poverty guideline of \$16,600.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, a minimum-wage worker was able to keep a small family of three out of poverty on a 40-hour-a-week job. Today even two full-time minimum-wage workers can barely keep up with what one minimum-wage worker could provide in 1968.

Today the smallest family of two, usually a mother and her child, earns barely 80 percent of the poverty guideline for a family of two.

And what about teenagers and young adults working to help support themselves and their families or to pay for education or seniors trying to supplement minimum pensions and pay for prescription coverage? Do they not deserve a raise?

When we introduced HB 257 and HB 2021 early last year, we made a conscious decision to piggyback our efforts on the successful efforts in neighboring New York and then neighboring New Jersey. But with the release of these new poverty guidelines, it is apparent that delay has terrible costs to the low-wage worker we are trying to help. Even our own increase still leaves people working at the minimum wage in poverty. Today it takes a full-time wage of \$7.98 to keep a small family at the poverty line.

Five States have already passed legislation over the \$7.15 level that we are facing today. Washington is at \$7.63; Oregon is at \$7.50; Connecticut is at \$7.40; Rhode Island is at \$7.40; Vermont is at \$7.25. In California they are haggling over different plans to raise the minimum wage to \$7.75, and in New Mexico they are haggling over different plans to raise the minimum wage to \$7.50.

Today this represents a step in the right direction. It is a step in which labor can claim victories; it is a step in which business can claim victories; it is a step in which the people of Pennsylvania generally can claim victories. We are taking a good, solid first step towards raising the minimum wage to a level that keeps people out of poverty. Never again should people suffer because of political indifference. Pennsylvanians desperately need a minimum wage that provides dignity instead of poverty, and they deserve nothing less.

I urge the support of the Taylor amendment as a significant first step in the right direction.

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

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will be brief with my remarks.

I first would like to thank Chairman Cohen, the members of the House Labor Relations Committee, a few from the other side of the aisle, but all of them from my side of the aisle for finally bringing this to a head here today.

It is imperative. It is 4 years too late. It has been 4 years we have been trying to raise this wage to \$7.15, and as Chairman Cohen said, the real wage ought to have an escalator, a cost-of-living index, or a third tier raising this wage in the year 2008 to \$8 an hour. But today we are here in the spirit of compromise.

The training wage that was opposed by myself and members of my committee is a 60-day training wage. I appreciate Republican Chairman Bob Allen and his staff for negotiating that with us. We believe that is fair. What we believed was unfair would be a training wage for any child or any young person under the age of 18 or 19, because it would encourage certain employers from when that individual was about to reach that age of 18 or 19, to figure a way to lay that person off and bring on a new 16-year-old and pay them a training wage for 2 years. But a 60-day training wage is fair. A 60-day training wage will allow that person to learn how to make popcorn and sell it at the movie theater or ring a cash register at the Dollar General store, and we can agree to that compromise.

What we are still going to fight for over the coming years, just so everyone is on notice, is a cost-of-living adjustment. We believe that that is absolutely critical and necessary so that it is not another 8, 9, or 10 years before this issue resonates here before the members of the State House and the State Senate.

I am asking members from both sides of the aisle to support the Taylor amendment. I realize this issue has been driven by the House Democratic Caucus, but the gentleman, Mr. Taylor,

has always shown himself to be a friend of the working man, and if the legislation was to be hijacked, as you would, by a member of the Grand Old Party, he is the individual that I feel proudest to stand here and support.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, for those individuals who talked about family values yesterday in a debate on family planning and Planned Parenthood, I would like to point out that there are instances and there is an individual in my district, a single mother, who works a full-time job at a Dollar General store at slightly over minimum wage, 20 hours a week in a convenience store in the evening at slightly over minimum wage, and her son worked for PENNDOT last year holding a flag and brought home more in his 40-hour-week paycheck than his single mother did working 60 hours a week. If we are going to promote family values, Mr. Speaker, that means these mothers have to be home, spend some time with their kids, spend some time with their husbands, if they are fortunate enough to have them, and that is what this wage will allow some of them, not all of them, to do. It is a compromise. It is not what we want; it is not completely what we want, but as Chairman Cohen said, it is a step in the right direction.

I strongly urge support of the Taylor amendment.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Representative Cohen. I was an early cosponsor on HB 257. I welcomed that opportunity, and I want to also extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Representative Taylor.

You know, one writer said that leadership is not measured by what men or women do in times of comfort and convenience but really what they do in times of chaos and conflict. Mr. Speaker, I know this was not easy for Representative Taylor and I know it is not easy for many members of this House, but, Mr. Speaker, it is the right thing to do at the right time with the right conditions.

Another writer said that leadership is measured by whether a man or woman can stand tall when forces are pulling against them and whether they can choose to do what is in their selfless interest versus their selfish interests. Mr. Speaker, Representative Taylor, Representative Cohen, and others are doing what is in their selfless interest, in the interest of humanity, and not in the interest of themselves.

And so on behalf of the people of the 181st Legislative District, I say thank you, thank you, thank you to Representative Taylor, Representative Cohen, and others.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Fleagle.

Mr. FLEAGLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I heard a lot of differing views in my caucus, and I am sure the Democrats heard from different parts of their State, but I guess my position is not real unique, having a district in one of the areas that is contiguous with another area of the Commonwealth that has a State that has a much lower minimum wage than ours. Actually, Maryland – and I wake up every morning and look out my window and can see Maryland as can most of my district – has a minimum wage of \$6.15 an hour.

And frankly, Mr. Speaker, when I was asked throughout the last couple years, should we increase the minimum wage, my answer was yes, and I do think we should. I am kind of

disappointed that I was cut out of any kind of choice of how much that would be by the amendment process we are looking at here. This is a take-it-or-leave-it type of thing. And frankly, my response to people, whether it is businesses or my constituents, is, yes, I think we should increase the minimum wage, but we cannot raise it too much that we stop being competitive, and that is exactly what we are doing. We in Franklin County have a hard enough time competing with Maryland, with Washington County, that has a \$6.15 minimum wage, and ours is even lower than that and we still cannot compete with them.

But I think that this just goes too far, and I would certainly be willing to vote for something that is in the \$6.15 range, but I do not have that choice, Mr. Speaker. So I will be voting against this amendment, and hopefully as this goes along, the Senate will be a little bit wiser than us, hopefully, and send something back to us that will keep us competitive with Maryland yet allow my constituents to have a pretty solid increase. I think a \$6.15 increase is, what, 20 percent and \$7.15 is 40 percent. Forty percent would be devastating to my area, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly do not think a 20-percent increase is out of line, but we did not have that choice.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Maitland.

Mr. MAITLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to second the remarks made by the gentleman from Waynesboro.

I think a majority of people in my district would like to see a more modest increase in the minimum wage than that contained in this amendment. I think a 20-percent increase is reasonable, but given my 30-mile border with the State of Maryland and the agricultural base in my community that would be devastated by a 40-percent increase in the minimum wage, I have to be against this amendment and hope that it is defeated and that we can vote in a more moderate and reasonable increase in the minimum wage.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentlelady, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand to talk about the women a little bit who are making minimum wage, who are about two-thirds of the workers, and many, many of them have families and cannot make ends meet. I am hoping that those people on both sides of the aisle who are advocates for women, who worry about women's health, who worry about women's opportunities, women's educational and professional opportunities, will raise this minimum wage so that women can take care of themselves better and their families.

And I also want to say that several talk show hosts have made the claim that no businesses in the Commonwealth actually hire workers at the minimum wage in Pennsylvania. I want to tell you about one central Pennsylvania business called Movie Gallery, who hires their employees at \$5.15 or \$5.40 per hour based on their experience. Movie Gallery has many locations in central Pennsylvania. I am assuming that most of these locations are represented by the ladies and gentlemen of the Grand Old Party. They are Etters, New Cumberland, West York, Spring Grove, New Oxford, Palmyra, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, and Womelsdorf. So I am hoping if you heard a name of a community, regardless of what side of the aisle you are on, but I think you might be a Republican, where

people are being paid this kind of shameful wage, that you will vote with us and help your constituents out.

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support the Taylor amendment, and I say to those potential critics of an increase in this minimum wage that Pennsylvania at the wage rate of \$5.15 an hour has become essentially a Third World country on the east coast, surrounded by States like New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the like who have increased their minimum wage to equal or greater amounts than the Taylor amendment. This move forward really is a way to say to our working families at the bottom of this economy, as Ms. Josephs said, two-thirds of the 500,000 people working for minimum wage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are single women with children trying to find their way up to the next opportunity in this economy, and it is the right thing to do. It sends the message that we will not undervalue our people, and I think that is essential as a beacon. If we are all going to float the boat, we all have to float together, and what the Taylor amendment does for all of us is set this correctly.

Many of the businesses in our communities say that they cannot even attract people for \$5.15 an hour. So many of them have already made the decision to pay more. This base line of a minimum wage at \$6.25 and \$7.15 moves the bar forward for those families who are struggling at the bottom of our economy, and I do support the Taylor amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to just, I support the Taylor amendment, but I would like to read into the record from an individual who was watching PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) around February 1 when I made a comment on the floor of this House, and I hope you would just be a little patient. It is only a small couple of paragraphs, and I would like to read it to you. It is from a business called Rizzo's. It is a restaurant, a small restaurant, and I guess it is in Crabtree. I do not know where Crabtree is, and certainly I do not know the restaurant.

They said, "Dear Rep. DeLuca," I want to thank you for your comments you made on the floor of the House. "My family has owned and operated our family restaurant for the last 70 years. Being that we are in a rural, 'off-the-highway' location, we already are paying our employees at rates above minimum wage. It is the only way, along with our reputation, to entice folks to apply for work with us. Unfortunately, the combination of larger companies paying the current minimum wage and the fact that people can make more income by collecting assistance, we are finding it hard to get applicants for available positions. We have job openings – no one wants to fill them!! You asked a question we've been asking for years: Who is going to wash dishes and clean the restrooms? At our place, it is usually one of our family members!! Leveling the playing field by raising the minimum wage might just help us attract more applicants by encouraging non-working..." individuals "in general to seek employment."

I think this says it all from a small businessperson. He is in favor of raising the minimum wage, and certainly that is the right thing that we should be doing here today.

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—130

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Santoni
Allen	Evans, J.	Manderino	Semmel
Argall	Fabrizio	Mann	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	Markosek	Shapiro
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	McCall	Siptroth
Belardi	Freeman	McGeehan	Solobay
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Staback
Beyer	George	McNaughton	Steil
Biancucci	Gerber	Melio	Stetler
Bishop	Gergely	Micozzie	Sturla
Blackwell	Godshall	Mundy	Surra
Blaum	Good	Myers	Tangretti
Bunt	Goodman	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Buxton	Grucela	Oliver	Thomas
Caltagirone	Gruitza	O'Neill	Tigue
Casorio	Haluska	Pallone	True
Cawley	Hanna	Parker	Veon
Civera	Harhai	Petrarca	Vitali
Cohen	Harhart	Petrone	Walko
Cornell	Harper	Pistella	Wansacz
Corrigan	Hasay	Preston	Waters
Costa	Hennessey	Quigley	Watson
Crahalla	Hershey	Ramaley	Wheatley
Cruz	James	Raymond	Williams
Curry	Josephs	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Daley	Keller, W.	Reichley	Wright
Dally	Kenney	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Killion	Rooney	Youngblood
DeWeese	Kirkland	Ross	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kotik	Rubley	Zug
Diven	LaGrotta	Sabatina	
Donatucci	Leach	Sainato	Perzel,
Eachus	Lescovitz	Samuelson	Speaker

#### NAYS—66

Armstrong	Forcier	Major	Rapp
Baker	Gabig	Marsico	Reed
Baldwin	Geist	McIlhattan	Rohrer
Bastian	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Sather
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Metcalf	Saylor
Birmelin	Grell	Millard	Scavello
Boyd	Harris	Miller, R.	Schroder
Cappelli	Herman	Miller, S.	Smith, B.
Causar	Hess	Mustio	Smith, S. H.
Clymer	Hickernell	Nailor	Sonney
Creighton	Hutchinson	Nickol	Stairs
Denlinger	Kauffman	Payne	Stern
Ellis	Keller, M.	Petri	Stevenson, R.
Fairchild	Leh	Phillips	Stevenson, T.
Feese	Mackereth	Pickett	Turzai
Fleagle	Maher	Pyle	Wilt
Flick	Maitland		

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—6

Dermody	Rieger	Ruffing	Taylor, E. Z.
Lederer	Roberts		

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—146

Adolph	Evans, J.	Leach	Sainato
Allen	Fabrizio	Lescovitz	Samuelson
Argall	Fairchild	Levdansky	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Manderino	Scavello
Barrar	Fichter	Mann	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Flick	Markosek	Shaner
Belardi	Frankel	McCall	Shapiro
Belfanti	Freeman	McGeehan	Siptroth
Beyer	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Biancucci	Geist	McNaughton	Solobay
Bishop	George	Melio	Staback
Blackwell	Gerber	Micozzie	Steil
Blaum	Gergely	Millard	Stetler
Bunt	Godshall	Miller, S.	Sturla
Buxton	Good	Mundy	Surra
Caltagirone	Goodman	Myers	Tangretti
Cappelli	Grucela	O'Brien	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Gruitza	Oliver	Thomas
Causar	Haluska	O'Neill	Tigue
Cawley	Hanna	Pallone	True
Civera	Harhai	Parker	Veon
Cohen	Harhart	Petrarca	Vitali
Cornell	Harper	Petrone	Walko
Corrigan	Harris	Phillips	Wansacz
Costa	Hasay	Pickett	Waters
Crahalla	Hennessey	Pistella	Watson
Cruz	Herman	Preston	Wheatley
Curry	Hershey	Quigley	Williams
Daley	Hess	Ramaley	Wojnaroski
Dally	James	Raymond	Wright
DeLuca	Josephs	Readshaw	Yewcic
DeWeese	Keller, W.	Reichley	Youngblood
DiGiroloamo	Kenney	Roebuck	Yudichak
Diven	Killion	Rooney	Zug
Donatucci	Kirkland	Ross	
Eachus	Kotik	Rubley	Perzel,
Evans, D.	LaGrotta	Sabatina	Speaker

NAYS—50

Armstrong	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Rohrer
Baldwin	Gingrich	McIlhinney	Sather
Bastian	Grell	Metcalfe	Saylor
Benninghoff	Hickernell	Miller, R.	Schroder
Birmelin	Hutchinson	Mustio	Smith, B.
Boyd	Kauffman	Nailor	Sonney
Clymer	Keller, M.	Nickol	Stairs
Creighton	Leh	Payne	Stern
Denlinger	Mackereth	Petri	Stevenson, R.
Ellis	Maher	Pyle	Stevenson, T.
Fleagle	Maitland	Rapp	Turzai
Forcier	Major	Reed	Wilt
Gabig	Marsico		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Dermody	Rieger	Ruffing	Taylor, E. Z.
Lederer	Roberts		

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.

**BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

**HB 1820, PN 3867**

An Act providing compensation to persons in active service in connection with the Persian Gulf Conflict or their beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the payment of compensation contingent upon electorate approval; creating a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Compensation Bond Fund; imposing powers and duties on the Department of General Services; making appropriations; and making a related repeal.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C**

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Ms. JOSEPHS called up **HR 700, PN 3871**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Governor to proclaim the seven days of April 23 through April 29, 2006, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust."

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Feese	Maitland	Sabatina
Allen	Fichter	Major	Sainato
Argall	Fleagle	Manderino	Samuelson
Armstrong	Flick	Mann	Santoni
Baker	Forcier	Markosek	Sather
Baldwin	Frankel	Marsico	Saylor
Barrar	Freeman	McCall	Scavello
Bastian	Gabig	McGeehan	Schroder
Bebko-Jones	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Belardi	Geist	McIlhattan	Shaner
Belfanti	George	McIlhinney	Shapiro
Benninghoff	Gerber	McNaughton	Siptroth
Beyer	Gergely	Melio	Smith, B.
Biancucci	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Gingrich	Micozzie	Solobay

Bishop	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Blackwell	Good	Miller, R.	Staback
Blaum	Goodman	Miller, S.	Stairs
Boyd	Grell	Mundy	Steil
Bunt	Grucela	Mustio	Stern
Buxton	Gruitza	Myers	Stetler
Caltagirone	Haluska	Nailor	Stevenson, R.
Cappelli	Hanna	Nickol	Stevenson, T.
Casorio	Harhai	O'Brien	Sturla
Causer	Harhart	Oliver	Surra
Cawley	Harper	O'Neill	Tangretti
Civera	Harris	Pallone	Taylor, J.
Clymer	Hasay	Parker	Thomas
Cohen	Hennessey	Payne	Tigue
Cornell	Herman	Petrarca	True
Corrigan	Hershey	Petri	Turzai
Costa	Hess	Petrone	Veon
Crahalla	Hickernell	Phillips	Vitali
Creighton	Hutchinson	Pickett	Walko
Cruz	James	Pistella	Wansacz
Curry	Josephs	Preston	Waters
Daley	Kauffman	Pyle	Watson
Dally	Keller, M.	Quigley	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Ramaley	Williams
Denlinger	Kenney	Rapp	Wilt
DeWeese	Killion	Raymond	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wright
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Ellis	Leh	Rohrer	Zug
Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Rooney	
Evans, J.	Levdansky	Ross	
Fabrizio	Mackereth	Rubley	Perzel,
Fairchild	Maher		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Dermody	Rieger	Ruffing	Taylor, E. Z.
Lederer	Roberts		

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

### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, rise?

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members for their support of the minimum-wage legislation.

I would like to raise a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 2006, the Appropriations Committee reported out HB 2021 on the House minimum wage. However, the committee chairman held the bill on his own reconsideration motion after the meeting had been adjourned. The Parliamentarian said it was his opinion that the committee had 5 days to consider the reconsideration motion. This has not happened. The bill has still not been read across the desk. I would like to know what the status is of HB 2021?

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes cast on the floor of the House.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. At the appropriate time, I just wanted to share a few observations on the week, the month, the future.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, is entitled to be heard. Just please keep the noise levels down. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Would the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, suspend to allow the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, to speak?

Mr. DeWEESE. Would it be more appropriate for me to suspend and ask the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, to finalize the House business?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen did have the floor, and we are looking up the answer for Mr. Cohen.

Mr. DeWEESE. I am sorry. I will—

The SPEAKER. So Mr. Cohen is deferring to you.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. DeWEESE. Just 30 seconds.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Levdansky, Mr. Levdansky, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and I have talked recently as well as some other members of our rank and file, and we wanted to at least share one more time with our Republican brethren and sisters the inclination that some of us have to increase sales taxes in Pennsylvania very modestly, by half a percent or a percent. I know this mantra seems to be almost a tautology, day after day after day, but nevertheless, in this kind of setting it is appropriate.

We could reduce property taxes in Pennsylvania fundamentally, substantially, even overwhelmingly if we would embrace a very small sales tax. Because of dynamics that we are all very familiar with, many of us have been knocking on doors in rural townships and boroughs and school districts in our home counties. In Greene and Fayette and Washington Counties, and according to my good friend, Mr. Levdansky, even in his district in Elizabeth and the Allegheny section where he represents, we are hearing many, many people say, Mr. Speaker, that they would rather have a very small sales tax increase, a half a percent, a percent. I would even go higher if we could eliminate property taxes in Pennsylvania.

I know we have some Republican members that agree with us. We do not have a whole lot of support right now in the State Senate, but we have to take the bully pulpit, like I am doing right now, from time to time and repeat again and again and again that many of us are willing to increase the sales tax rate by half a percent or a percent and reduce property taxes overwhelmingly.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (DAVID G. ARGALL) PRESIDING

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
(RONALD I. BUXTON) PRESIDING****RULE 15 SUSPENDED**

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

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that House rule 15 be suspended so that when we convene on Monday, April 10, we can convene at 11 a.m.

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

**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.

**RECESS**

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

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now recess until Monday, April 10, 2006, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 10:59 a.m., e.d.t., Monday, April 10, 2006, the House recessed.