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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. BOB BASTIAN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we begin this morning, the news is that Dan Surra suffered a heart attack last night, but he is doing better. So keep him in our prayers as we go along through the day.

A small book was given to some of us by Pastor Carl Dingus this past week. Carl Dingus is the leader of a weekly Bible study, and the book is called "Can God Bless America."

"God Bless America" is a song and a prayer but by many almost a battle cry. In this book of James, God gives us the 10 conditions upon which He will bless us.

I read from James 4:7-10. "Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves to the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up."

Let us pray:

Lord, let us keep in mind the message of James in these next few days as we make important decisions for this great Commonwealth. Help us to accept these conditions and then to receive Your blessing, and then God truly can bless America. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Thursday, June 28, 2007, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to requests for leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip. Are there any leaves on the Democratic side? The gentleman indicates a request for a leave for Representative SAMUELSON from Northampton County, Representative McGEEHAN from Philadelphia County, Representative Matt SMITH from Allegheny County, Representative Dan SURRA from Elk, and Representative JAMES from Philadelphia. Without objection, those legislators will be placed on leave.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip for a request for leaves. The gentleman indicates that Representative REICHLLEY will be on leave for today. Without objection, the gentleman will be placed on leave.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of Representative Samuelson on the House floor.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 840**, **PN 955**, and **HB 917**, **PN 1067**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1367**, **PN 2087**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SR 114, **PN 980**

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 29, 2007.

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 840, PN 955

An Act designating the Main Street bridge on State Route 69 in the Borough of Sugar Grove, Warren County, as the AMVETS POW-MIA Memorial Bridge.

HB 917, PN 1067

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for general powers of borough.

SB 431, PN 162

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Game Commission, being conveyed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands being conveyed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, solely for the use of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Adams County.

SB 797, PN 889

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would like to welcome to the hall of the House Ashley Hadsall. She is the guest today of Representative Sandra J. Major. Ashley is working in Representative Major's Harrisburg office this summer and is a student at Millersville University. Say hello to the teachers and students at Tunkhannock Area High School who are watching on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network). Please join us in welcoming Ashley to the hall of the House.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to advise members that he has given permission to Amy Spangler of the Central Penn Business Journal to take still photographs on the floor of the House of Representatives.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to announce there will be an immediate meeting of the House Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room. The Chair gives permission for that meeting to take place.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the presence of Representative Reichley on the floor.

The Chair also recognizes the presence of Representative Gabig on the floor.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize, as the guests of Representative Mike Peifer, the Pike County treasurer, John Gilpin; his wife, Barb; and his sons, Wade and Austin, seated to the left of the Speaker.

Representative Peifer's wife is also here, Jen; their daughter, Corine; and their sons, Wyatt and Eli. Would you please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the House. How was Hershey?

The Chair welcomes the Pittsburgh Primetime Hoops AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Girls Basketball Team, including Lauren Mayernik, daughter of former member Dave Mayernik; Emily Onorato; and Bridget Orié Melvin, who are the guests of the Allegheny County Caucus. Please stand to be recognized, and welcome to the hall of the House.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner

Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Rock	Speaker
Frankel			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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LEAVES ADDED—1

Micozzie

The SPEAKER. A quorum being present, the House will proceed to conduct business.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. May I have the attention of the members; may I have the attention of the members.

It is the Chair's understanding that Representative Dan Surra might be watching the House proceedings from his hospital bed, so will you please join the Chair in wishing him well. There you go. Good idea. Godspeed, Danny.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 201, PN 1244**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of July 22 through 28, 2007, as "ADA Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Siptroth.

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here before you today to introduce this resolution commemorating the passage of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act nearly 17 years ago. This resolution names the week of July 22 through the 28th "Americans with Disabilities Week."

Mr. Speaker, the Americans with Disabilities Act has played an unequivocal role in eliminating barriers to employment, public services, transportation, telecommunications, and accommodations in the United States. It is a fundamental piece of civil rights legislation that reinforces our nation's guarantee

of freedom. It positively impacts the lives of millions of Americans every day, people living with disabilities and as well as those without the benefit from the provisions involved in the ADA. This one act allows entire communities to profit from the skills and talents of all residents regardless of disability. It encourages people to prosper.

I ask you to support this resolution, Mr. Speaker, and thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causar	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Verbe
Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Rock	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James McGeehan Smith, M. Surra

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

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Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 285, PN 1647**, entitled:

A Resolution observing August 1, 2007, as "World Scouting Day" in Pennsylvania in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Scout Movement.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Siptroth on the resolution.

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask for the support of HR 285. This resolution allows this body to join our neighbors around the world in recognizing August 1 as "World Scouting Day."

August 1 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Scouting movement. This movement, without a doubt, is what influenced the February 8, 1910, incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America, providing our young boys and men the opportunity to enhance their moral values. Founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, Scouting exemplifies the qualities we admire in good citizens – loyalty, trustworthiness, helpfulness, and friendliness, among others.

I am excited by the widespread support this resolution received, and I thank my many colleagues who joined me in sponsoring this measure. I ask you for your support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
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Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Rock	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James McGeehan Smith, M. Surra

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 360 By Representatives HANNA, HERSHEY, BAKER, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BOBACK, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, COX, DALEY, DENLINGER, D. EVANS, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HICKERNELL, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KESSLER, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MENSCH, MILLARD, MOUL, OLIVER, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, YEWCIC, YOUNGBLOOD, PETRARCA, MYERS, CLYMER, KULA, LONGIETTI, MURT, HORNAMAN and WALKO

A Resolution expressing support for national dairy policy reform and urging policies advanced in HR 2462 in the 2007 Federal Farm Bill reauthorization.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 29, 2007.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1599 By Representatives BROOKS, S. H. SMITH, CIVERA, MAJOR, STERN, TURZAI, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BENNINGTON, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, GABIG, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, HARHART, HARPER, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, W. KELLER, KENNEY, MACKERETH, MAHER, MANN, MANTZ, MARSHALL, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MENSCH, METCALFE, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, NICKOL, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PERRY, PERZEL, PETRI, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUIGLEY, QUINN, RAPP, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SONNEY, STEIL, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, R. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing, in corporate net income tax, for definitions and for imposition of tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 29, 2007.

No. 1658 By Representatives PICKETT, TURZAI, GINGRICH, REED, HUTCHINSON, DENLINGER, MARSICO, CAPPELLI, BENNINGHOFF, ELLIS, GABIG, GRELL, KAUFFMAN, McILHATTAN, MOUL, PERRY, QUIGLEY, RAPP, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, R. STEVENSON, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BEAR, BOBACK, BOYD, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COX, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, DeLUCA, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHART, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, M. KELLER, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, MACKERETH, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, MENSCH, METCALFE, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, NICKOL, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PEIFER, PERZEL, PETRI, PHILLIPS, PYLE, QUINN, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, K. SMITH, S. H. SMITH, SONNEY, STABACK, STAIRS, STERN, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH and WATSON

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for eligibility for public assistance.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 29, 2007.

No. 1659 By Representative S. H. SMITH

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of

Conservation and Natural Resources, to grant and convey to Jefferson County certain lands situate in Winslow Township, Jefferson County.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 29, 2007.

No. 1667 By Representatives MAHONEY, KULA, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, HANNA, HARPER, HORNAMAN, W. KELLER, KIRKLAND, PYLE, READSHAW, SIPTROTH and SOLOBAY

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing citizen task forces for wildlife management units; further providing for regulations of the Pennsylvania Game Commission; and providing for deer population on State game lands and for mandatory harvest report cards.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, June 29, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. HELM called up **HR 356, PN 2154**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Borough of Millersburg, Dauphin County, on the bicentennial anniversary of its founding.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb

Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Rock	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. CALTAGIRONE called up **HR 357, PN 2152**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Dr. John A. Barrasso III upon his appointment to represent the State of Wyoming as a United States Senator.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes Representative Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

John Barrasso III has been appointed U.S. Senator from the State of Wyoming. He is part of the extended Caltagirone family. I was very, very close to his father, who was a general cement contractor operating in Reading for over 50 years. He and my nephew, Mark, spent a lot of time together. John is an orthopedic surgeon. He had served in the State Senate in Wyoming. He is a Republican. He was appointed by the Democratic Governor, and I just wanted to give him this honor and let him know, as a Pennsylvania son, that he has done quite well, and I am sure he will represent his State quite well in the U.S. Senate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. REED called up **HR 358, PN 2155**, entitled:

A Resolution designating August 2007 as "Native American Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Biancucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
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Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
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Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James McGeehan Smith, M. Surra

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BISHOP called up **HR 359, PN 2153**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the many varied and significant contributions of WDAS-AM.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
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Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Biancucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
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Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
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Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
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Frankel			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take up a condolence resolution. The members will take their seats.

Miss MANN called up **HR 354, PN 2114**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and extending condolences for the supreme sacrifice of specialist Luis O. Rodriguez-Contrera of the United States Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, who tragically lost his life on March 2, 2007, while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes Representative Mann.

Miss MANN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As many of us have sat through the speeches during condolence resolution recognition, I sat there many times and heard many of you standing right here acknowledging the sacrifice of our fellow Pennsylvanians, and I did so hoping I would never find myself in this place that I am today.

I want to take the opportunity to share with you a story about a brave soldier who was a constituent of mine, who gave his life in defense of our country.

On March 2, 2007, Army Spc. Luis O. Rodriguez-Contrera of Allentown paid the ultimate sacrifice as he became one of the 168 Pennsylvanians killed while serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera was only 22 years old.

Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera joined the Army in 2005 in hopes of making a better life for his wife, Monica, and his two stepsons, Jonathan and Viyonce. Shortly after joining the Armed Forces, he arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, for basic training in January 2006. At that point he was assigned to the 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. In November 2006 Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera was deployed to Iraq.

He served with great distinction in Iraq, as evidenced by the numerous awards he won. These include the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on

Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Ribbon.

On March 2 Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera volunteered to join several of his fellow soldiers on a patrol northwest of Baghdad. Again, I emphasize, he volunteered to serve on that patrol. While on patrol, a roadside bomb exploded and killed him and two of his fellow soldiers. Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera was not scheduled for patrol that day. He selflessly volunteered to go and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

After his death, Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

Two months after his untimely death, on June 13, 2007, just a few short weeks ago, his wife, Monica, gave birth to the couple's first child. Tragically, Luis Rodriguez-Contrera, Jr., will never get to meet his father, but he will certainly know of the bravery, patriotism, and selflessness his father possessed.

Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera lived his life in an incredibly courageous and selfless manner, and I rise before you today and ask that you join me in extending condolences to his wife, Monica; their stepsons, Jonathan and Viyonce; and their newborn child, Luis, Jr.

Specialist Rodriguez-Contrera truly was a brave soldier, an honorable Pennsylvanian, and an American hero. There is no doubt that he will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him, but I am certain that his memory and legacy will live on.

I ask that you join me in honoring his life by voting for this resolution to recognize his sacrifice. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members and guests will please rise as a sign of respect for Spc. Luis Rodriguez-Contrera of the United States Army 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Spc. Luis Rodriguez-Contrera.)

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

SB 815, PN 909 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for underground storage tank environmental cleanup program and for underground storage tank pollution prevention program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. This bill will be placed on the active calendar.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 466, PN 1226 By Rep. BELFANTI

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for application and for exemptions.

LABOR RELATIONS.

HB 1589 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a reconsideration motion filed by the gentlemen, Representative Civera and Representative Dwight Evans, to reconsider the vote by which HB 1589 was approved on final passage on the 28th day of June 2007.

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

The SPEAKER. On the motion, the Chair recognizes Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the members support this issue of reconsideration. There is a technical issue that we had to resolve in the capital bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask for an affirmative vote on the reconsideration motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, it does not appear to be on the system – at least it was not about 10 seconds ago – to be able to review it on the computers. It is not on yet.

The SPEAKER. It is a motion to reconsider the vote by which final passage took place. It is a reconsideration motion.

Mr. METCALFE. Right. But we are looking to view the bill on the computers as far as what we are reconsidering because questions were floating around, is this the capital budget, is this that? I think it would be good to make sure that it was on the system, and we could take a look at what we are reconsidering before we make a vote to reconsider it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, are you waiting on me or the gentleman?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's inquiry has been satisfied.

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

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

James McGeehan Smith, M. Surra

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

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its announcement that the bill was agreed to on third consideration as amended, and the bill is now before the House on third consideration.

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

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. The bill is over for today.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker, point of order, please.
You just said that the bill was going to go back over for the day. I thought the bill was going back to Appropriations so it could be proper—

The SPEAKER. We will do that under housekeeping.
Mr. CIVERA. Okay. Thank you.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 71, PN 492**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, providing for notice to school district; and further providing for application for final approval.

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

Mr. **SAYLOR** offered the following amendment No. **A00595**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 508.1), page 2, line 11, by inserting an underscored period after "development"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 508.1), page 2, lines 11 through 13, by striking out ", and where required by local" in line 11 and all of lines 12 and 13

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 711), page 2, line 23, by inserting an underscored period after "development"

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 711), page 2, lines 23 through 26, by striking out ", and" in line 23 and all of lines 24 through 26

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Saylor on the amendment.

Mr. **SAYLOR**. Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw that amendment and offer amendment 2259.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. **SAYLOR** offered the following amendment No. **A02259**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 508.1), page 2, line 10, by striking out "proposed" and inserting expected

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 508.1), page 2, line 11, by inserting a period after "development"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 508.1), page 2, lines 11 through 13, by striking out ", and where required by local" in line 11 and all of lines 12 and 13

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 711), page 2, line 23, by striking out "proposed" and inserting expected

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 711), page 2, line 23, by inserting a period after "development"

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 711), page 2, lines 23 through 26, by striking out ", and" in line 23 and all of lines 24 through 26

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Saylor on the amendment.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, this is an amendment that simply takes out the word "proposed" and inserts "expected" construction schedule, and it is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Grucela.

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my friend from York is correct. This is an agreed-to amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James McGeehan Smith, M. Surra

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 second consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 169, PN 1916**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for definitions, for permitted games of chance and for prize limits.

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

Mrs. **SWANGER** offered the following amendment No. **A01569**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3), page 2, line 4, by striking out "A DEFINITION" and inserting definitions

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3), page 3, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

"General operating expenses." The following operating expenses associated with the real property owned or leased by an eligible organization and used for public interest purposes or for conducting small games of chance:

- (1) Real property taxes.
- (2) Utilities.
- (3) Heating and air conditioning.
- (4) Water and sewer.
- (5) Property insurance.
- (6) Liability insurance.
- (7) Any other expense as provided in regulations promulgated by the department.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Swanger on the amendment.

Mrs. SWANGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to commend Representative Solobay for introducing this vital piece of legislation. Our volunteer organizations greatly need the passage of this bill. Their survival depends upon it. I am talking about our volunteer fire companies and our volunteer veterans organizations and other social clubs within our communities. They use the

proceeds from small games of chance for their very survival, in order to do their community projects, and in the case of fire companies, to buy their fire engines and other equipment. They are hurting. They are pleading for our help, because the limits placed upon them in the original legislation are not sufficient to keep them going today.

My amendment 1569, which is agreed upon, simply defines "general operating expenses" as a use for the proceeds from small games of chance. The definition reads, "...property owned or leased by an...organization and used for public interest purposes or...small games of chance," as "...Real property taxes.... Utilities.... Heating and air conditioning.... Water and sewer.... Property insurance.... Liability insurance..." and "...other expense as provided in regulations...by the department" of Revenue.

Our clubs are asking for this definition because they are telling me that when terms are too vague, enforcement officers who come in and examine their operation can interpret the language in different ways, and what they might be told by one enforcement officer may be different than the next. So they are asking for a clear definition of what they can use these proceeds for.

I understand that this amendment is agreed upon, and I ask for your support not only for my amendment but also for the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and I would concur with the maker for passage.

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

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Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True

Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longiotti	Rapp	Wojnarowski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Fleck	Mann	Rock	
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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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 second consideration as amended?

Mr. CLYMER offered the following amendment No. **A01570**:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 5), page 4, line 5, by inserting after "act." General operating expenses shall not include compensation to any person for conducting games of chance.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have been assured by staff and others that under present law of small games of chance, you cannot provide compensation to anyone who works there. That is already the law. I was concerned as things were moving through several weeks ago that people who are employed with these nonprofit organizations could receive compensation, but since the law is clear on the issue, I wish to withdraw my amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. MARSICO offered the following amendment No. A02322:

Amend Title, page 1, line 9, by striking out "and" and inserting a comma

Amend Title, page 1, line 10, by removing the period after "limits" and inserting

, for insured games, for limited sales, for recordkeeping, for eligible organizations' use of locations for conducting small games of chance, for separate individual prize limitations and for advertising.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3), page 2, line 12, by inserting brackets before and after "a"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 3), page 2, line 13, by inserting brackets before and after "during the same operating day"

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 8 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 24, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 3. Section 5 of the act, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.812, No.195) and October 18, 2000 (P.L.602, No.79), is amended to read:

Section 5. Prize limits.

(a) Individual prize limit.—[The] Except as provided for in subsection (j), the maximum cash value which may be awarded for any single chance shall be [\$500] \$1,000.

(b) Weekly limit.—No more than [\$5,000] \$20,000 in cash or merchandise shall be awarded by any eligible organization in any seven-day period. Payouts of less than \$26 shall not be counted toward the weekly limit.

(c) Limit on raffles.—No more than \$5,000 in cash or merchandise shall be awarded in raffles in any calendar month.

(d) Exception.—An eligible organization may conduct a raffle and award a prize or prizes valued in excess of [\$500] \$1,000 each only under the following conditions:

(1) The licensing authority has issued a special permit for the raffle under section 11.

(2) Eligible organizations shall be eligible to receive no more than two special permits in any licensed year except that volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue organizations shall be eligible to receive no more than three special permits in any licensed year.

(3) Only one raffle may be conducted under each special permit.

(4) The total cash value of all prizes shall be no more than \$100,000 per calendar year.

(e) Limit on daily drawings.—Daily drawings shall be governed by the prize [limitations] limitation contained in [subsections (a) and (b)] subsection (a). [An eligible organization shall not conduct daily drawings during a period when a weekly drawing is taking place.]

(f) Exception.—The prize limitation contained in [subsections (a) and (b)] subsection (a) may be exceeded by a daily drawing under the following circumstances: a daily drawing may award a prize where the cash value is in excess of [\$500] \$1,000 if such prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing or drawings which resulted from the winning number in such drawing or drawings not being among the eligible entrants in such drawings. Nothing contained herein shall authorize the prize [limitations] limitation as contained in [subsections (a) and (b)] subsection (a) to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing on an operating day during which chances were sold for a daily drawing or for a daily drawing for which chances were sold in excess of \$1 or for which more than one chance was sold to an eligible participant.

(g) Daily drawing and weekly drawing exception.—When a daily drawing or weekly drawing is set up or conducted in such a manner as to pay out or award 100% of the gross revenues generated from such drawing, the limitations contained in subsection (b) shall not apply.

(h) Limit on weekly drawings.—Weekly drawings shall be governed by the prize limitations contained in subsection (b). The prize limitation contained in subsection (b) may be exceeded by a weekly

drawing under the following circumstances: a weekly drawing may award a prize where the cash value is in excess of [\$5,000] \$20,000 if such prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing or drawings which resulted from the winning number or numbers in such drawing or drawings not being among the eligible entrants in such drawings. Nothing contained in this act shall authorize the prize limitations as contained in subsection (b) to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing for a week during which chances were sold for a weekly drawing or for a weekly drawing for which chances were sold in excess of \$1. [An eligible organization shall not conduct weekly drawings during a period when a daily drawing is taking place.]

(i) Limit on monthly drawings.—No more than \$50,000 in cash or merchandise may be awarded in any calendar month except under the following circumstances: a monthly drawing may award a prize where the cash value is in excess of \$50,000 if the prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing or drawings that resulted from the winning number or numbers in the drawing or drawings not being among the eligible entrants in the drawing. Nothing contained in this act shall authorize the prize limitations to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing for a month during which chances were sold for a monthly drawing or for a monthly drawing for which chances were sold in excess of \$1.

(j) Progressive games.—Progressive games shall be permitted with a maximum cash value of \$5,000. Contributions to the pot shall be counted against the limit for the week in which the contribution is made except that when the limit is reached the amount awarded shall be counted toward the limit only to the extent it was not previously counted toward a prior week's limit. For the purpose of this section, progressive games are those in which a winning ticket awards the ticket holder an additional chance at another game or games.

Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 5.1. Insured games.

Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, an eligible organization may conduct small games of chance using insured games. Insured games sold by a licensed distributor shall be backed by a valid insurance contract issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in this Commonwealth. Proof of the insurance contract must be provided to the department prior to the game being sold. The license of a distributor and an insurance company issuing a contract for an insured game may be suspended or revoked for failure to pay an award. For the purposes of this section, an insured game is a game in which the distributor or other licensed third party guarantees making the payment on a win of a jackpot.

Section 5. Sections 6 and 9(b) of the act, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.812, No.195), are amended to read:

Section 6. Sales limited.

No person shall sell, offer for sale or furnish games of chance for use within this Commonwealth except to an eligible organization or distributor licensed under this act. No game of chance, other than a raffle, sold, offered for sale or furnished for use within this Commonwealth shall contain, permit, depict or designate a prize having a cash value in excess of [\$500] \$1,000.

Section 9. Regulations of department.

(b) Limitation on recordkeeping requirements.—This section shall not be construed to authorize the department to promulgate regulations providing for recordkeeping requirements for eligible organizations which require unreasonable or unnecessary information or a repetitious listing of information. The department shall strive to keep such recordkeeping requirements from being an undue hardship or burden on eligible organizations. Under no circumstances shall the department require the retention of records for a period in excess of two years. Each eligible organization shall report to the department prizes awarded as required by section 335 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

Section 6. Section 10 of the act, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.812, No.195) and October 18, 2000 (P.L.602, No.79), is amended to read:

Section 10. Licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance.

(a) License required.—No eligible organization shall conduct or operate any games of chance unless such eligible organization has obtained and maintains a valid license issued pursuant to this section. Auxiliary groups within eligible organizations shall be eligible to conduct small games of chance using the license issued to the eligible organization provided that the auxiliary group or groups are listed on the application and license of the eligible organization. No additional licensing fee shall be charged for an auxiliary group's eligibility under this act. Auxiliary groups shall not include branches, lodges or chapters of a Statewide organization.

(b) Issuance and fees.—The licensing authority shall license, upon application, within 30 days any eligible organization meeting the requirements for licensure contained in this act to conduct and operate games of chance at such locations within the county or in such manner as stated on the application as limited by subsection (b.1). The license fee to be charged to each eligible organization shall be [\$100] \$300, except for limited occasion licenses which shall be [\$10] \$30. Licenses shall be renewable [annually] on a biennial basis upon the anniversary of the date of issue.

(b.1) Location of small games of chance.—Where there exists a location or premises which is the normal business or operating site of the eligible organization and is owned or leased by that eligible organization to conduct its normal business, that site shall be the licensed premises for small games of chance conducted by the eligible organization. If that location consists of more than one building and the eligible organization wishes to conduct its games in a different building at that location from the one that is listed on its application and license, the eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and the licensing authority of the change in building site and the dates and times that will be affected. When an eligible organization does not own or lease a specific location to conduct its normal business, that eligible organization may use another eligible organization's premises to conduct its games or may make such other arrangements that are consistent with this act, including, but not limited to, leasing a premise under a written agreement for a rental which is not determined by either the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance nor the number of people attending except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal. When such eligible organization changes the site of its games from that which is listed on its application and license, the eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and licensing authority of the change in their games' site and dates and times that will be affected. More than one organization may use the same location, provided that each organization has its own license and that the prize limitations of this act shall apply separately to each organization.

(b.2) Off-premises games of chance.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, an eligible organization may conduct small games of chance at a location off its premises when such games are part of an annual carnival, fair, picnic or banquet held or participated in by that eligible organization on a historical basis. The eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and licensing authority of the location, date and times of such events where it will be conducting small games of chance.

(b.3) Limited occasion licenses.—Eligible organizations which do not own their own premises or which do not lease a specific location to conduct their normal business may apply for a limited occasion license to conduct small games of chance on not more than three occasions covering a total of seven days during a licensed year. A limited occasion license entitles eligible organizations holding such a license to conduct no more than two raffles during a licensed year where prizes may not exceed the established limits for regular monthly raffles. Holders of limited occasion licenses may not apply or be granted any other license or special permit under this act. No holder of a regular license or special permit under this act shall apply or be granted a limited occasion license.

(b.4) Gambling facility prohibited.—It shall be unlawful for a person, corporation, association, partnership or other business entity to offer for rent or offer for use a building or facility to be used exclusively for the conducting of small games of chance. It shall also be unlawful for any eligible organization to lease under any terms a facility or building which is used exclusively for the conducting of small games of chance.

(c) Display.—Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be publicly displayed at the site of the small games of chance.

(d) Operation.—Each licensed eligible organization shall comply with the following restrictions and rules governing the operation of games of chance:

(1) No person under 18 years of age shall be permitted to operate or play games of chance.

(2) No eligible organization shall permit any person who has been convicted of a felony in a Federal or State court within the past five years or has been convicted in a Federal or State court within the past ten years of a violation of the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, or of this act to manage, set up, supervise or participate in the operation of games of chance.

(3) No eligible organization shall pay any compensation to any person for conducting any games of chance. Games of chance may only be conducted by managers, officers, directors, bar personnel and bona fide members of the eligible organization.

(4) Games shall be conducted only on the licensed premises or as otherwise provided by this act.

(5) The eligible organization shall not lease such premises under either an oral or a written agreement for a rental which is determined by either the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance or the number of people attending, except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal. An eligible organization shall not lease such premises from any person who has been convicted of a violation of this act within the past ten years.

(6) Games, other than raffles, daily drawings [and], weekly drawings and monthly drawings, shall be purchased only from manufacturers and distributors approved by the department.

(7) No licensed eligible organization shall permit its premises to be used for small games of chance by another licensed eligible organization at the same time that it is conducting small games of chance on the premises. When a licensed eligible organization is permitting another licensed eligible organization to use its premises for purposes of small games of chance, it must cease the operation of its own small games of chance during the period that the other licensed eligible organization is conducting its games on the premises.

(8) Raffle tickets may be sold off the licensed premise in any municipality in this Commonwealth which has adopted the provisions of this act by an affirmative vote in a municipal referendum. A licensed eligible organization which plans to sell raffle tickets in a municipality located in a county other than the county in which the eligible organization is licensed must notify that county's district attorney and licensing authority as to the location and the dates that the eligible organization plans to sell raffle tickets.

(e) Application for license.—Each eligible organization shall apply to the licensing authority for a license on a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of Revenue. The form shall contain an affidavit to be affirmed by the executive officer or secretary of the eligible organization stating that:

(1) No person under 18 years of age will be permitted by the eligible organization to operate or play games of chance.

(2) The facility in which the games of chance are to be played has adequate means of ingress and egress and adequate sanitary facilities available in the area.

(3) The eligible organization is not leasing such premises from the owner thereof under an oral agreement, nor is it leasing such premises from the owner thereof under a written agreement at a rental which is determined by the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance or by the number of people attending, except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal.

(e.1) Supplemental materials to accompany application.—The following materials shall be submitted with the application under subsection (e):

(1) An annual financial report limited to the operation of games of chance detailing gross profit, allowable expenses, rent, staff per diem, cost of supplies, net profit and contributions to charitable causes shall be filed with the licensing authority. This report shall be filed with the application for license and shall be filed by the midterm anniversary date of the license in nonapplication years. This report shall be prepared on a one-page form to be designed by the department. The report shall contain information for the 12-month period immediately preceding a date 60 days prior to the filing of the report. Failure to file the report by the midterm anniversary date of the license shall result in the automatic suspension of the license until the county treasurer certifies the report has been filed in compliance with this act.

(2) A licensed eligible organization that conducts games of chance 30 or more times in one calendar year must provide evidence to the county treasurer that a bona fide member or designee of the organization has completed four hours of education in the corresponding license period. The education program shall include seminars on law applicable to games of chance and any other related topics the department may require. An education program shall be provided by any nonprofit association approved by the department. This paragraph shall not apply to organizations seeking or holding limited occasion licenses.

(f) List of licensees.—The licensing authority, on a semiannual basis, shall send a copy of all licensees to the Department of Revenue.

(g) List of municipalities.—The licensing authority shall include with any license or renewal issued to an eligible organization, an up-to-date listing of those municipalities within the licensing county which have approved the referendum question on small games of chance.

(h) Background checks.—Each application shall include criminal history records obtained from the Pennsylvania State Police for the executive officer or secretary of the eligible organization making the application and all other responsible persons listed on the application.

Section 7. Section 15 of the act, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.812, No.195), is amended to read:
Section 15. Advertising.

It shall not be unlawful for any eligible organization or person to advertise the prizes or their dollar value to be awarded in games of chance, provided that [prizes may be identified on raffle tickets. Notwithstanding the prohibition of advertising contained within this section, an eligible organization may advertise prizes and values thereof in periodic publications which are limited in their circulation to members of the eligible organization.] such advertisements shall contain the date, time, location, whether cash or merchandise prizes will be awarded and the name of the eligible organization licensed to conduct games of chance and the name of the person who conducts the games of chance.

Section 8. The amendment or addition of section 10(b), (e.1) and (h) of the act shall apply to applications filed more than two years after the effective date of this section.

Section 9. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The following provisions shall take effect immediately:

- (i) The amendment or addition of section 10(b), (e.1) and (h) of the act.
 - (ii) Section 8 of this act.
 - (iii) This section.
- (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Marsico.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask support for my amendment. I just want to thank my good friend and colleague from Washington County for supporting my amendment to his bill.

It is a rather comprehensive amendment. I know that we have caucused on it. So I ask for your support.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Clymer.

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

I will try to be very brief as I wish to share with the members of the General Assembly my concerns regarding this amendment. One of the things that comes to mind immediately is the fact that there is going to be a \$20,000 cash or merchandise prize within a 7-day time frame; that is \$20,000. It sounds like a winning from the racino or the lottery rather than from an organization that is having small games of chance. And when you multiply \$20,000 times the hundreds of organizations that will qualify for this kind of program, it runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. So we need to understand that this small games of chance is now going to balloon into winnings that go into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and since the amendment and the legislation, one or either, allows for advertising, you can imagine that people will be scrambling to those specific nonprofits that allow this kind of prize from whatever amount, \$5,000 to \$20,000.

I have received and you have received letters from different organizations that are promoting this saying this is a good idea. I am telling you that there is going to be competition within these organizations that are looking for this kind of legislation, that they are going to be competing against themselves. Let me give you an example: volunteer fire companies. Do you think every volunteer fire company – I will use Bucks County as an example – can provide a \$10,000 or \$15,000 prize? What happens when they advertise and say, well, here is a prize of \$15,000? Many of the fire companies are very small, and I do not see how they can raise that kind of money or that clientele and compete. And suppose they do. Suppose they are able to compete with \$10,000 versus \$10,000. Can you imagine that over a period of time that that is going to result in hard feelings and people being angry because the other group has a higher prize than they do. I think what we are doing is causing confusion and chaos and more problems than what we are solving.

As I said, with a prize that goes as high as \$20,000, you are going to have organizations competing among themselves.

And the other problem that I see is that we are going to have more social problems. You cannot have \$20,000 prizes out there and not expect to have some type of crime and other dysfunctional problems becoming part of the society because of the result of this legislation.

And as I just mentioned at the outset of my presentation, we are talking of increased gambling by the hundreds of thousands of dollars because— That is my opinion. There has been no fiscal impact done on this bill that I am aware of as to how it is going to impact across the Commonwealth and all these organizations, and can this kind of money that is now going to be generated by these nonprofits, by these charitable groups, what will be the impact on the lottery, which is a program for senior citizens? What will be the impact on the casinos or racinos, which is supposedly for property tax relief?

So I tell you that this is not a panacea, this amendment that is going to supposedly help out all these organizations, and as I said, you got the letters. You have heard from them, and they have said that they want this. I will tell you this, I have yet to hear from any of the organizations that would benefit in my legislative district or in Bucks County saying that this is a good idea. I have not heard from them, but obviously, some of these groups have written to the legislators and said we need this legislation.

I just share these thoughts. Give it your thoughtful consideration. Do what you feel is right for your group, and I am going to vote "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. On the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Regarding amendment A2322, I have some serious concerns with some of the things in the amendment. I have a commitment from the sponsor of the amendment and from the sponsor of the bill to support an amendment that I have that is going to be coming up, so I will reluctantly support the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This, too, also is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask for its passage.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—165

Adolph	George	Marsico	Sainato
Argall	Gerber	McCall	Samuelson
Barrar	Gergely	McI. Smith	Santoni
Bastian	Gibbons	McIlhattan	Saylor
Belfanti	Gillespie	Melio	Scavello
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Mensch	Schroder
Bennington	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Beyer	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Bianucci	Grell	Miller	Shimkus
Bishop	Grucela	Moul	Siptroth
Blackwell	Haluska	Moyer	Smith, K.
Boback	Hanna	Mundy	Smith, S.
Brennan	Harhai	Mustio	Solobay
Brooks	Harhart	Myers	Sonney
Buxton	Harkins	Nailor	Staback
Caltagirone	Harris	Nickol	Stavrs
Cappelli	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Stevens
Carroll	Hornaman	Oliver	Sturla
Casorio	Josephs	Pallone	Swanger
Causer	Keller, M.	Parker	Tangretti
Civera	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Taylor, J.

Cohen	Kenney	Payne	Taylor, R.
Conklin	Kessler	Payton	Thomas
Costa	Killion	Peifer	Turzai
Cruz	King	Perry	Vereb
Curry	Kirkland	Perzel	Vitali
Daley	Kortz	Petrarca	Vulakovich
Dally	Kotik	Petrone	Wagner
DeLuca	Kula	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Leach	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Lentz	Pyle	Waters
Donatucci	Levdansky	Quigley	Wheatley
Eachus	Longiotti	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Mackereth	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Maher	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Mahoney	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Major	Reichley	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Manderino	Roae	Yudichak
Frankel	Mann	Roebuck	
Freeman	Mantz	Ross	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Gabig	Markosek	Rubley	
Galloway	Marshall	Sabatina	

NAYS—34

Baker	DiGirolamo	Hutchinson	Quinn
Bear	Fairchild	Kauffman	Reed
Boyd	Fleck	Metcalfe	Rock
Clymer	Geist	Milne	Rohrer
Cox	Harper	Murt	Steil
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Stern
Cutler	Hershey	Petri	True
Denlinger	Hess	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Hickernell		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. CAUSER offered the following amendment No. **A02383**:

Amend Sec. 6 (Sec. 10), page 4, line 13 (A02322), by striking out "\$300" and inserting

\$200

Amend Sec. 6 (Sec. 10), page 4, line 14 (A02322), by striking out "\$30" and inserting

\$20

Amend Sec. 6 (Sec. 10), page 6, lines 34 through 37 (A02322), by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(e.1) Supplemental materials to accompany application.—An annual financial report limited to the operation

Amend Sec. 6 (Sec. 10), page 6, line 41 (A02322), by inserting after "authority"

and submitted with the application

Amend Sec. 6 (Sec. 10), page 6, lines 52 through 59; page 7, lines 1 through 3 (A02322), by striking out all of said lines on said pages

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Causer.

Members of the House will please hold their conversations to a minimum. The Chair thanks the members.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion to divide amendment A2383 between lines 6 and 7 on page 1. So essentially, we would be voting on the second half of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible.

On the question,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divisible, and the gentleman may proceed to debate on the amendment.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, after dividing this amendment, what the amendment would do is eliminate the provision in the bill which would require continuing education for organizations that conduct—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman identify which part of the amendment he is speaking on.

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, this would be on lines 7 through 16 of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. He is in order and may proceed.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I was saying, this amendment, what is left in this amendment would remove the provision in the bill, that has been adopted to the bill, which requires continuing education for organizations that conduct small games of chance, organizations that have small-games-of-chance licenses. In the Marsico amendment, it was required that these organizations have continuing education, and this amendment now would eliminate that language, and I would ask for support of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This also is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Representative Marsico.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also support dividing this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided. Does the gentleman support the amendment as divided?

Mr. MARSICO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to part 2 of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Roebuck
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Rohrer
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Ross
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Rubley
Bastian	George	McCall	Sabatina
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Sainato
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Santoni
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Saylor
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Biancucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Schroder
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Sipthroth
Brennan	Hanna	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harper	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Perzel	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Rock	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and part 2 of the amendment was agreed to.

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

PART 1 OF AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman withdraw the first part of his amendment?

Mr. CAUSER. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of SB 815, PN 909, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for underground storage tank environmental cleanup program and for underground storage tank pollution prevention program.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. 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—199

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' for the bill, including Adolph, Argall, Baker, Barrar, Bastian, Bear, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Bennington, Beyers, Bianucci, Bishop, Blackwell, Boback, Boyd, Brennan, Brooks, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappelli, Carrol, Casorio, Causer, Civera, Freeman, Gabig, Galloway, Geist, George, Gerber, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Grell, Grucela, Haluska, Hanna, Brooks, Harhai, Harhart, Harkins, Harper, Harris, Helm, Hennessey, Hershey, Mantz, Markosek, Marshall, Marsico, McCall, McI. Smith, McIlhattan, Melio, Mensch, Metcalfe, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, Milne, Moul, Moyer, Mundy, Murt, Mustio, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, M., O'Neill, Roebuck, Rohrer, Ross, Rubley, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Saylor, Scavello, Schroder, Seip, Shapiro, Shimkus, Siptroth, Smith, K., Smith, S., Solobay, Sonney, Staback, Stairs, Steil, Stern, Stevenson.

Table listing names of members who did not vote or were excused, including Clymer, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, Cox, Creighton, Cruz, Curry, Cutler, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Denlinger, DePasquale, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Eachus, Ellis, Evans, D., Evans, J., Everett, Fabrizio, Fairchild, Fleck, Frankel, Hess, Hickernell, Hornaman, Hutchinson, Josephs, Kauffman, Keller, M., Keller, W., Kenney, Kessler, Killion, King, Kirkland, Kortz, Kotik, Kula, Leach, Lentz, Levdansky, Longiotti, Mackereth, Maher, Mahoney, Major, Manderino, Mann, Frankel, Oliver, Pallone, Parker, Pashinski, Payne, Payton, Peifer, Perry, Perzel, Petrarca, Petri, Petrone, Phillips, Pickett, Preston, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, Ramaley, Rapp, Raymond, Readshaw, Reed, Reichley, Roae, Rock, Sturla, Swanger, Tangretti, Taylor, J., Taylor, R., Thomas, True, Turzai, Vereb, Vitali, Vulakovich, Wagner, Walko, Wansacz, Waters, Watson, Wheatley, White, Williams, Wojnarowski, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, O'Brien, D., Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Table listing names of members who were excused: James, McGeehan, Smith, M., Surra.

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 684, PN 2133, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of an automotive fuel testing and disclosure program, for standards for automotive fuel and for inspection, sampling and testing of automotive fuel; imposing powers and conferring duties on the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Octane Testing Account; and providing for penalties.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. LONGIETTI offered the following amendment No. A02372:

Amend Sec. 7, page 15, by inserting between lines 25 and 26 (j) Additional remedy.—In addition to any civil penalty imposed for violations of this section, a consumer may file a civil action suit against a retailer, distributor, producer, oxygenate blender or refiner, as the case may be, of the nonconforming automotive fuel. A retailer, distributor, producer, oxygenate blender or refiner of the

nonconforming automotive fuel shall be liable in damages to the consumer for any ascertainable loss of money or property, as decided by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment simply provides for a private cause of action by consumers that have their vehicles damaged by tainted fuel and allows them to recover those damages in a private action. In fact, this happened to my own vehicle a couple of years ago. It can be rather expensive when you get tainted fuel. Your gas tank, for example, if it needs to be replaced, is several hundred dollars.

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a good amendment. I think it helps the bill and should be accepted by the members.

The SPEAKER. Representative Geist.

Mr. GEIST. This is an agreed-to amendment, and I would urge a "yes" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Frankel	Mann	Roebuck
Argall	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Baker	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Barrar	Galloway	Marshall	Rubley
Bastian	Geist	Marsico	Sabatina
Bear	George	McCall	Sainato
Belfanti	Gerber	McI. Smith	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gergely	McIlhattan	Santoni
Bennington	Gibbons	Melio	Saylor
Beyer	Gillespie	Mensch	Scavello
Bianucci	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Schroder
Bishop	Godshall	Millard	Seip
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller	Shapiro
Boback	Grell	Milne	Shimkus
Boyd	Grucela	Moul	Siptroth
Brennan	Haluska	Moyer	Smith, K.
Brooks	Hanna	Mundy	Smith, S.
Buxton	Harhai	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harhart	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harkins	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Harper	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Harris	Nickol	Steil
Causar	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hennessey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hershey	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hess	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hickernell	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hornaman	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Hutchinson	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Josephs	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Kauffman	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, M.	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Keller, W.	Perzel	Vereb
Daley	Kenney	Petrarca	Vitali
Dally	Kessler	Petri	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Killion	Petrone	Wagner
Denlinger	King	Phillips	Walko

DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Wansacz
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Waters
DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quigley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Leach	Quinn	White
Eachus	Lentz	Ramaley	Williams
Ellis	Levdansky	Rapp	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Longietti	Raymond	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Maher	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	
Fairchild	Major	Roae	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Micozzie

EXCUSED—4

James	McGeehan	Smith, M.	Surra
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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 second consideration as amended?

Mr. HESS offered the following amendment No. A02399:

Amend Sec. 3, page 6, line 12, by inserting after "samples."
The agreement shall provide that any revenues generated pursuant to enforcement activities carried out by the sealer of the city or county shall be retained by the city or county.

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Hess.

Mr. HESS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Markosek.

Mr. MARKOSEK. I agree with Chairman Hess. This is an agreed-to amendment.

Thank you.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative MICOZZIE, will be put on leave for the remainder of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 684 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Frankel	Mann	Roebuck
Argall	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Baker	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Barrar	Galloway	Marshall	Rubley
Bastian	Geist	Marsico	Sabatina
Bear	George	McCall	Sainato
Belfanti	Gerber	McI. Smith	Samuelson
Benninghoff	Gergely	McIlhattan	Santoni
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Brennan	Haluska	Moyer	Smith, K.
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Carroll	Harper	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Harris	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Stern
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Costa	Hornaman	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
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DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Wansacz
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DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Watson
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Evans, J.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Youngblood
Everett	Maher	Reed	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	
Fairchild	Major	Roae	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

James McGeehan	Micozzie	Smith, M.	Surra
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome the following guests of Representative Josh Shapiro. These guests are interns working in the Governor's Policy Office. They are seated to the left of the Speaker. They are Nick Clabbers, a constituent of Representative Shapiro; Rebecca Lehner; Rachel Moore; and Gerrit Betz. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the House.

STATEMENT BY MR. LEVDANSKY

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Levdansky under the provision of unanimous consent.

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to remind members that last week Representative Mario Scavello and I announced that we were introducing legislation dealing with the important subject of property tax reform. You may have seen that in your e-mail or in your regular mail last week, but he and I have spent a long time working on this, and we propose, essentially, a small increment of the State personal income tax and a small increase in the State sales tax and using that revenue, about \$1.4 billion, to drive it out through a formula that we think is fair to all school districts in the State.

We would invite your attention to that memo. If you have misplaced it and you need another one, I have it, but we would like to introduce this legislation very shortly. So any help in terms of cosponsoring would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. SCAVELLO

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Mario Scavello.

Mr. SCAVELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just would like to follow up on the comments just made by Representative Levdansky. This is a bill that we passed — a similar bill that we passed a little over a year ago. The only difference is that we expanded the base a little over a year ago. We taxed other items. With this we are not taxing any other items. We are keeping everything in place. But this is a significant reduction in property taxes for our constituents. We have been waiting so long. This is an opportunity to get everybody together and get something and finally do something here to help our senior citizens and our citizens across the State.

So I urge the members to please put their name on the legislation. We have over 40 cosponsors already, and we did it without even trying. So I urge the members to get behind it.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. EVERETT

The SPEAKER. Representative Everett.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of parliamentary inquiry or unanimous consent. You can decide which it is.

On HB 1286, the budget bill, it is my understanding that the Senate returned that to us on June 20, and I am just wondering

what I as a new member can do to get that bill out of the Rules Committee and onto the floor. We are required by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass this budget by June 30, and today is June 29, and in the spirit of openness and transparency that we are supposed to have here in this chamber, I would like to get this bill on the floor and debate it as we did the transportation bill, and if we need to have a compromise, let us get it on the floor. I do not know what the status of the bill is. I do not know what is going on with it, and as a member, I would like to know what I can do to bring this bill to the floor so that we can debate it and get this budget passed.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. D. EVANS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. In the spirit of openness and transparency, we had a meeting last night – forgive me for yawning a little bit – with all the caucuses and the Governor's Office, and we were attempting to reconcile the differences between this House, the Senate, and the Governor's Office with all the various issues that we have, that we needed to deal with. The Senate Republican Caucus got up and walked out.

The SPEAKER. Members will be asked to take a seat. This might take awhile.

Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. But I will not—

Mr. S. SMITH. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. D. EVANS. I will hold that.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. S. SMITH. A point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. S. SMITH. I believe the prior speaker made a parliamentary inquiry of the Chair as to, and I might not have heard it right, I thought he made a parliamentary inquiry as to what he could do as a new member to bring the budget bill forth for a debate and for action. I think he posed that as a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, and now the Appropriations Committee chairman is answering with some other level of speech. Am I correct that he asked, that the prior question was a parliamentary inquiry, and would not that be proper for the Chair to answer that?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman rose and said he was not sure whether he was being recognized as a point of parliamentary inquiry or under unanimous consent. The Chair assumed that he was making a statement under unanimous consent, and then the Chair moved to the gentleman, Representative Evans, for a comment. So the gentleman, Representative Evans, is in order and may proceed.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I understand what the gentleman, the Republican leader, was just trying to say, but the gentleman who was raising the question, and he did say in the spirit of openness, I was in the spirit of openness telling him exactly what took place yesterday evening. I said to him, there was a meeting in the Governor's Office; all the four caucuses were there; 9:30 at night. The Governor's Office was there;

we were all there. Our staffs were there. In the name of openness and thoroughness, I thought I was answering the question; I thought you wanted to know that, and the reason I wanted to tell you it, because I think you have a right to know since you said as a new member you want to understand how this process works. You elect leaders, and your leaders were there, and we all come to the table and we have a discussion, and then what we do as leaders is then we go back to our various caucuses. We went back to our caucus and we explained to our caucus what we did last night. We gave them a report, and we told them what had taken place.

We recognize that we have to compromise. We have to compromise; the Senate has to compromise; the Governor has to compromise, and what we were doing was just having a discussion to figure out, how do we bring closure to this particular situation, because we know that we cannot pass anything without the Senate's cooperation. We know there are a number of issues that have to be dealt with. We know transportation, energy, Jonas Salk, health care, raising the debt limit, the capital bill, we know all those things have to be dealt with. So it is not as simple, in my view, as someone would say, you know, it is just this one piece of legislation; it is working in conjunction with the Governor. And I am not trying to be in any way smart in what I am saying, because you do not know, and since you do not know, you are asking a question, and I think you should ask the question.

Now, you did not ask it of me specifically and the Speaker asked to call on me, but I am answering the question, and I am giving you the backdrop of all of the information to let you know, because a couple weeks ago the Republican leader had kind of tried to chastise me about when we were coming back to the table. We have been at a number of meetings at the table. We have tried to figure out how we are going to work this out. That is what we are trying to do; we are trying to figure out how we are going to work this out. So those issues that I just described to you, all the issues that we passed this week are all now in the Senate, and this side, like your side, I know they are concerned about transportation, I know they are concerned about energy, and they want those issues addressed. So we were trying to figure out, how do we work this out?

So I just reported to you that the Senate Republicans got up and walked out. I did not say the House Republicans; I said the Senate Republicans got up and walked out. And, you know, so after that the Senate Democrats and the House Democrats sat there with the Governor's Office trying to figure out, figure out how we resolve these issues that we have. We do understand that we need to put the people first. We understand that this is about the people, and we want to work that out.

So I share with you from this side of the aisle, we want to cooperate; we want to cooperate. We are not looking for confrontation with your side or the Senate Democrats or Senate Republicans. We are looking for full cooperation. We know we got to work together for the interests of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and you will not get confrontation from us.

So I share with you, to your question, and I know I went into far more detail than you were expecting, but I wanted you to really understand – I mean, that is if you really want to understand how the process works – I wanted to give you all of that information. And I am not blaming anybody, I am not pointing any fingers at anybody; it is just a part of the process that we got to just work through some things. And I want you to

understand, I want to make sure that everybody has their thoughts involved.

So, you know, in the spirit of openness – and that is what you said, right? – in the spirit of openness, I have probably been the first chairman on this floor of Appropriations to give all the information that I just gave you and to every member on the floor. Never has probably anybody said as much as I have said. Normally when you have these backroom meetings and all this kind of stuff, I told you everything except for what Bill DeWeese was drinking last night. I did not tell you what Bill DeWeese was drinking last night. That is the only thing I will not— That is the only thing I keep as a secret, what Bill DeWeese was drinking last night. I did not talk about what you were drinking last night. That is all I am saying.

He just had coffee last night; that is all he had.

Again, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Civera. Is Representative Civera—

Mr. CIVERA. I am going to yield to Representative Everett, please.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Everett.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the chairman for providing that information, but I would like to pose a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. EVERETT. Again, I would like to know, from a procedural advantage, what I can do to bring HB 1286 to this floor, either today or tomorrow, so we can start the debate on it. The Senate has passed a bill. It is now our turn, in my opinion, to either concur on that bill or nonconcur on that bill, or to amend it and send it back to them, and I would like to know what I can do to bring that bill to the floor so we can start that process.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman can do as he is doing, take the microphone and encourage members of the committee to report the bill out, or he can file a discharge resolution under rule 53 of the House rules.

STATEMENT BY MR. CIVERA

The SPEAKER. Representative Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today is the 29th of June, tomorrow will be the 30th, and we are now coming into a situation where we are not, as a government agency, going to be able to meet our constitutional deadline.

Now, the majority chairman very cleverly and very eloquently explained what took place last night, and you know, there are always two sides to a story – fortunately. And what happened last night was that we were called, first it was the Senate Republicans and the House Democrats and the Governor were called to go to the Governor's conference room for a meeting last night on what we are discussing at this moment, and the Senate Democrats were not invited at that point and neither were the House Republicans – us. At that point there was some type of a flare-up and confusion, and then we were all

notified to report or go to the Governor's conference room at 9:30 to discuss the '07-'08 budget. And we all attended, and the Governor's people very eloquently lined up what they needed to do, something first as far as bills were concerned, and then when they would talk about the budget. But when the Senate Republicans agreed to go to the meeting, they requested that the Governor be present at the meeting, but the Governor did not show up at the meeting. The Governor went on TV instead of showing up at the meeting to negotiate what we have been talking about since February.

So let us give a little bit, let us talk a little bit of an outline of what we have done since we started the Appropriations hearings until this present day. Let us go to February. We did the Appropriations hearings, because Appropriations, there are constitutional deadlines that are met. Our Republican Caucus prepared an amendment to the budget, and that amendment did not pass this House, unfortunately. The Governor's budget went over to the Senate. The Senate looked at the amendment that we were discussing, and we discussed it at length, because it restored the \$545 million that was cut from the proposed Governor's budget – this year's budget, it was cut – and we had to get government back in place so different things would not be cut, education and all the different line items that were in the budget that makes this State work. The Senate took that, what we had, and they expanded it, and they sent back to us a \$27 billion spending package, and that is HB 1286 that is in the Rules Committee of this chamber.

Earlier today I delivered a letter to the Honorable Bill DeWeese, the majority leader, and all the members of the Rules Committee signed the letter requesting that that bill be called up from Rules and it would be voted upon. Now, we have differences, there is no question about it, and we are trying to work those differences out, but it comes to a time and place that on July 1, we do not have a budget, and everything by July 7, when pays start to go out, people will not be compensated, and I will be darned if this Republican Caucus is going to take the blame this time. This Republican Party did not walk away from its constitutional deadlines; they committed to it. They put up an amendment in this House that would have worked, that if the Senate had passed it and went to the Governor's desk, we would be operating on a State budget. No questions about it. We had the amendment. But when you look at what the Governor was proposing and what he was taking out of his budget, that could not work, because we were confused, Mr. Speaker. When the Governor made his proposal in front of the General Assembly, he was very clear that there were certain, in that proposal, taxes that were needed to make that budget work. The Republicans in response to that said, we do not want to do taxes, and in response to that we said, we have an increase in revenue, what is going to show up this year. They were not clear on that. They never anticipated and we told them in March that the revenues that were coming in were going up and were going up and did not need that type of a tax increase.

Now we come into April; it was said again. We come into May; we adopt HB 1286. We tried to put our amendment – our amendment did not call for taxes – when in fact the bill that went to the Senate had a \$947 million expenditure, \$947 million expenditure, almost a billion dollars. Where is that going when you go back to restore the \$545 million? You are looking at taxes, no ifs, ands, or buts. So the Senate sends us a bill that we can live with. If we want to negotiate that further, that is fine. We can stay here until the month of July, pass the budget on—

Bring the bill out of Rules; put a budget in place; the people of the Commonwealth are not interrupted. We can stay here and compromise on the rest. It can be amended. That is not a problem; we have done it before. We have passed budgets and amended it all the way up until December. The gentleman from Philadelphia wants mass transit; no problem. That has gone over to the Senate. I am sure that is going to be compromised and it is going to come back, but we have a document.

When the Governor was first elected, that first year of his budget, we passed a budget. It was late in July, and we came back in December and then we amended it. So it is no different that because we want different things at different times, and there is the Governor's agenda that has to come forward, there is no difference that we could pass that budget today. That budget could come out of Rules today, stay on the calendar for 24 hours, and tomorrow we could do the people's business. Just think of that. It has been done before. It has been done before; I have seen it; I have been here a long time, and it is a budget that we could be proud of. Is it perfect? There is no budget that is perfect; there is no budget that is perfect. That is why there is an amendment process.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. Before the Chair recognizes Representative Evans, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 169;
HB 1589;
HB 71; and
HB 684.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, you know I told you I think the world of Mario Civera. You know I will tell you that he is one of my favorite people. Remember, I was talking about his granddaughter last week. And I said to him that I want to just make a few corrections in his comments. The first thing is, the Governor was never, never was the Governor expected to be at that meeting last night – never. But the Governor's Chief of Staff was there; the Governor's director of legislative issues was there; the Governor's Budget Secretary was there; the Governor's Deputy Budget Secretary was there; the Governor's transportation person was there. So let us be clear: Never was it expected for the Governor to be there. All of his senior staff was there. So let us be clear – never. Make that clear.

Secondly, when the gentleman talks about the difference between us and themselves on this budget, for example, the budget that has been sent over to us, which the gentleman said, remember, a good friend of mine from the Lehigh Valley talked about pre-K. The Senate Republicans cut pre-K. The Senate Republicans cut "Science: It's Elementary." The Senate Republicans cut Classrooms for the Future. That is what they cut.

Now, he is correct, there is a difference of opinion, and then when the gentleman said, quote, unquote, "I got my mass transit," he acts like mass transit does not ride in the area that he is located in. It is not like it is Dwight Evans's mass transit; it belongs to the people. So I just mentioned to you three items that is a difference of opinion – reduction in pre-K, reduction in "Science: It's Elementary," reduction in Classrooms for the Future. That is a difference of opinion. He just mentioned about mass transit. You may recall roads; we had to push that over there when they did not want to talk about mass transit and roads. Do you remember that? There is a difference of opinion.

So I think it is too simplistic just to focus on one issue when there are all these other issues. It is mass transit; it is Jonas Salk; it is energy; it is the capital bill; it is the gaming. All of these things are connected to the budget. All of these things are connected to the budget. So just to say, you know, this one particular issue, not looking at all these, I just think that that, in my view, is not a correct statement, and the gentleman knows that.

And let me say this: At the end of the day, this cannot be partisan. This has to be bipartisan. This cannot be just Republicans do it without Democrats, because you happen to have, though he is a Democrat, he won an election last year, he is the Governor of the entire State. He is not running again. So we have to have the Governor's Office involved, we have to have the Senate involved, and we have to have the House involved. So it is nice to try to make points today, on the 29th, the day before the 30th, and try to make these points and these statements, but the only way this is ever going to be resolved is going to be a compromise, and it is naive to tell people that any one particular party can solve this by themselves.

So we on this side are very clear: We need you. Now, I know that may be shocking that I have said that, so I want you to look me in the face. I am going to say this again: We need you. I offered you an olive branch in February. I hope you still have it in your office. Things have not changed. I still got the olive branch out to you. So I want to let you know, at the end of the day, I understand we are going through this little thing for the purpose of the cameras and whatever, but we need you. So I want to tell you, you have no fear from us; we want to work with you; we want to compromise. We recognize that we have to compromise. My side of the aisle knows that they cannot do it by themselves. So I do not want you to think you are going to be left out of the process. I do not want you to think you are going to be left out; you are going to be in the process. You deserve to be in the process. You represent a constituency. We may have some differences of opinion like Classrooms for the Future, pre-K, "Science: It's Elementary." We may have some differences of opinion; we will work those things out, but I do not want anybody to think that we do not want to work with you. We want to work with you in the interests of the people. So I do not want you to say that; I am saying that now: The House Democrats have to work with the House Republicans, and we have to work with the Senate and the Governor.

So to the gentleman who raised the issue about it in the first place, we have got to work with the Governor; we have got to work with the Senate in order to resolve this. When we work together, Pennsylvanians are better off when we work together.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker, may I just respond?

The SPEAKER. Representative Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. I will be very quick.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has stated that he is agreeable to work with us, and so we would agree that June 30 is here and we do not have a budget. What in your mind, because I do not believe that the majority party is going to bring this budget out today or tomorrow; I think we are going to have to wait for the discharge resolution. We will, as Republicans, discharge. So in your mind, when are you ready to make this agreement?

The SPEAKER. Representative Evans, under unanimous consent.

Mr. D. EVANS. I was hoping it would have concluded last night, Mr. Speaker. We had all of the players there around the table. We put all the agenda on the table. We have passed transportation. We have passed health care. We have to pass the rest of the energy bill. We are prepared. You know, this week has been a good week. You know, we have been working together; we have been doing a lot of things together. You heard the list. I said to you, we are prepared.

Now, we came, and I do not really have a fight with you; the battle is over there with the Senate. In my view, the Senate now has to address some of those issues that are before them. They have got to address transportation; they have got to address energy; they have got to address health care. They have got to address those issues.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want you to be clear: Last night we came there prepared to get the people's business done. We were all there – Keith McCall, Bill DeWeese, our staff, our couple of staff people we had. We were there. We were ready, Mr. Speaker. And I share with you, you know we have to work this out with the Senate Republicans and we have to work this out with the Governor. That is what we have to do, sir. You know we have to do that, because if you do not know, let me just explain what happens if you do not have a compromise. If you do not have a compromise worked out with the Governor, I assure you it cannot be a good year. So you know at the end of the day, and you are new in this particular position, but all the predecessors and people there, we usually come together. Even when you all were in charge, we came together to figure out how we work these things out.

So we are ready, Mr. Speaker. I understand it is the 29th, I recognize that, but, you know, we have been trying to work this out all year.

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker, when that meeting was first convened, the House Republicans were not invited. You know it, and I know it. Now, what I am trying to say is this: The Governor did not participate in the meeting last night, and the only way that I think we are really going to get the Governor's attention is to bring HB 1286 to the floor and put it on his desk, period.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to put the Governor's schedule out, because he has to do that on his own, but I will say that I know he met with the Senate leadership this week. I just happen to know that he met with the Senate leadership; he met with the majority leader and the President pro tem this week. I know he had a meeting with them this week. I just happen to know that he met with them this week.

Now, he met with them directly, okay? So it appears to me, Mr. Speaker, since we are having this kind of conversation, I want your members to know that we are trying to do everything you can think of to resolve this. I do not want the public to think in any way we, as House Democrats, are not trying to resolve this.

So I share with you, Mr. Speaker, I understand what you just said, but we are trying to resolve this. We just met with our caucus earlier. They asked us the same questions that we went over, so I do not want to tell you anything different than we said in our caucus. We had a meeting, we had a discussion, and as far as you not being invited, you know, next time I take the personal responsibility of calling you up myself. But the bottom line is, you were there. The bottom line is, you were there. I take the blame. I do not mind taking the blame. I do not mind taking the blame if that— You know what Harry Truman said: If we stop worrying about who gets credit, you know how much we could get done?

So that is what we are doing, Mr. Speaker. We do not want to get into any of these things with you. We would like to just work together for the sake of the 12 million Pennsylvanians. That is all we want to do, Mr. Speaker; we want to work together. I want you to be clear: We want to work together for you and your granddaughter. All together, Mr. Speaker, we want to do that. We are in this together.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Without objection, under the provision of unanimous consent, the Chair recognizes Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us just say we look at this situation where we are right now. We have talked a little bit about the history, a little bit of the past. The majority Appropriations chairman spoke a little bit about the Governor talking with the Senate Republican leadership. I happen to know a little bit. I have got some firsthand reports about that meeting myself. The version that I got was that they met with the Governor a few days ago, told the Governor they would get back to him, at which point in time they tried to get back to him, and the Governor has not made himself available in response. I am just telling you my version, Mr. Speaker. You give your version; I give my version. And that last night's meeting, in fact there was an earlier expectation that the Governor was going to be there, and I think that the one person that needs to be more engaged is the Governor. That is my opinion.

But let us set all that past and those details aside. What can we do at this point? And I think the prior questioner put it quite correctly: What can we do to resolve our problems right now? Our problem is that we need to pass a budget. If we do not get an energy solution set, if you do not get a compromise or a workout, something on Jonas Salk or something on the capital budget issues, the world of the government does not come to an end.

I agree that the issues of transportation are more heavily intertwined with the General Fund budget. It is my understanding that the Senate, both Republican and Democrat, have committed to taking the transit legislation that passed here a few days ago, they are committed to trying to work that into a format that they are more comfortable with, that maybe is more aligned with what the Governor wants, something that we can all agree on that would resolve the transit-related issues.

The bottom line is, Mr. Speaker, what can we do right now to resolve our budget issues? We do have a couple of choices. We can do nothing; we can continue to talk, but we need the

Governor at that table to talk, Mr. Speaker; or we can take the Appropriations bill that the Senate passed that is before us. It is an adequate budget. It performs the basic functions of government. It takes us out of that position of the legislative branch of government not putting on the Governor's desk a good budget. Is it a budget that we all love or want? I think the gentleman from Delaware said that before, no budget is perfect, but it is a budget that serves the needs of Pennsylvania, and it does not preclude you from coming back and dealing with the supplemental, massaging that budget in some other way.

But we could fulfill our constitutional duty, Mr. Speaker, by bringing that budget forth, putting it on the Governor's desk, and in that regard we have fulfilled our constitutional obligations. We have that option, Mr. Speaker. That is what we are saying. Without looking back and without painting corners of blame on who did what, we can all take some blame in this process, we all have to advocate for our positions, but, Mr. Speaker, we can fulfill our constitutional duty right now by taking that legislation, that by the way, passed the Senate 49 to 1. It is not a Republican Senate budget; it was a budget that passed 49 to 1 – 1 dissenting vote. So it is not a partisan budget. It was not one that was strictly the views of one party; 49 to 1 it passed. It is a responsible, reasonable budget. We can put that on the Governor's desk tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, and fulfill our constitutional duties. The commitment is there to deal with the transportation issues. I heard it coming from both the Senate Republican and the Senate Democrat leadership, and you know how much attention this House paid to this issue over the last 2 weeks.

The other issues that the Governor has put on the table, while all good intended and the goals are laudable, the fact is, we have legitimate differences on those. Between you and me, the House and the Senate, the legislature and the administration, we are allowed to debate and work through those issues.

We have an obligation to do the budget. We need to do it today or tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, there is not anything I can disagree with what you just said. However, there are additional issues that need to be dealt with. We said that last night; we are saying it again publicly. We are saying we as the House, when you ask what issues the House has, pushed all of them except for one bill around energy we have to do. We pushed them all over there. So as a body, and we should be proud, Democrats and Republicans alike, we have pushed all those issues.

When you mention transportation, Mr. Speaker, obviously the Senate could do something that is different than what we want, and obviously we have to try to reconcile that and work that out. That is connected with the budget.

I want to keep going back to something that you said and the gentleman before. You keep trying to raise the question that the Governor needed to be in the meeting. The Governor has staff; they have got people in the room. Those are people he hired to be in the room. I imagine when Governor Schweiker and Governor Ridge were around, they were not around for all budget negotiations. I was around when Governor Casey was around. You know, Governor Casey was not in budget negotiations. So I think it is sort of unfair to make that kind of statement to say, well, the Governor was not here so it does not get done. I think that is just a misleading statement to make, because you, as well as myself, are not involved in every single

meeting. We have got staff; you have got staff. So I think that is unfair. I think that is one of those kinds of statements where you kind of throw it out there, and I just cannot leave that statement alone because you all keep trying to make that statement about that Edward G. Rendell needs to be in— That is just not a fair statement. I mean, most legislators here are not in, you know, if a constituent comes in your office, they do not service every single constituent, because that is kind of hard.

We have been here for 5 days. This is the fifth day. We as the House have accomplished a lot. We have accomplished, both sides, Democrat and Republican alike, we have accomplished a lot. So I think the key thing is what we need to do is continue to do our job. The Senate needs to take care of themselves. The Governor needs to take care of himself. We continue to do our job.

The chief of staff of the majority leader just whispered in my ear we got some more work to do. We would like to get that debt-limit issue resolved, because I think that is beneficial to all of us here in the State. We have got some other things to do. The majority leader on this side wants to make some comments and some observations of things that he thinks we need to do. So the only thing I am trying to do is lessen the rhetoric and face up to the reality that we cannot do this if we do not work together.

So I want to be clear about that, Mr. Republican Leader, and I respect you a lot. You know I know you well; I respect you a lot. We try to work together, and we will continue to try to work together. I mean, we are not going to let this little difference, you know, get between us. You know, we have got to work on the people's business, and we will get it done. So I am very optimistic to the Republican leader that, you know, at the end, you know there is going to be a budget. We are going to work it out and get these other items done, too.

So, Mr. Speaker, I think the leader from my side wants to add some of his comments.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Can the Chair recognize Representative DeLuca for the purpose of an announcement?

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make an announcement that the Insurance Committee will meet in room 50 to consider three bills – SB 548, HB 534, and HB 1614 – at the break.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Insurance Committee will be meeting at the break in room 50.

Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Momentarily, in the interest of conserving time on a Friday afternoon, if the Chair announces that there will be no more votes taken this afternoon, the committee could meet immediately and we could continue the dialogue. Just a possible suggestion for the Chair to contemplate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has no additional votes to be taken today, and we will continue under the provision of unanimous consent.

And the Chair gives permission for the gentleman to meet, for the Insurance Committee to meet.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Maher on a point of order.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I caution my good friend on the other side of the aisle to appreciate that the Speaker is not always in a position to be determinative as to whether there will be a need for any further votes, and in particular, Mr. Speaker, some time earlier the gentleman, Representative Everett, had a very specific point of parliamentary inquiry: What could he do today to call up HB 1286 for a vote tomorrow? Now, you gave an answer; you made a ruling. Has there been too much intervening business to appeal the ruling of the Chair?

The SPEAKER. There was no ruling. The gentleman simply made an inquiry as to what he could do as an individual member to have the House bill brought before this chamber, and the Chair simply informed him that he could take the microphone, as he did, and make remarks from the floor of the House, or file a discharge resolution under rule 53. That was the extent of the Chair's announcement. There was no ruling.

Mr. MAHER. So when he asked specifically about what could he do today to have this bill considered—

The SPEAKER. He did not ask what he could do today.

Mr. MAHER. Yes, he—

The SPEAKER. He asked simply what, as an individual member—

Mr. MAHER. No, he did not.

The SPEAKER. —he could do to move the process forward.

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, if we could go back to the record, he did ask, what could he do today so that the House could vote on HB 1286, the budget, tomorrow, and you advised him, as you said, that he could either speak on the microphone or he could file a discharge resolution under rule 53, if I understand correctly that your direction to him was a rule 53 discharge resolution, and I am assuming if you are directing him to do that, you have ruled that such a resolution would be in order. But I certainly would not expect you to provide direction that a member should do something that you believe would be out of order. So are you saying that a discharge resolution would be in order so that we can in fact vote on the budget tomorrow, so Pennsylvania can move forward—

The SPEAKER. The Chair did not direct that the gentleman, in the form of a motion, that rule 53 would be in order. The Chair simply directed the gentleman that the provision for filing a discharge resolution could be found in rule 53 of the House rules.

Mr. MAHER. Well, I appreciate the clarification.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MAHER. Then let me pose a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, I thought, was recognized to state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. MAHER. Is there any step, is there any action under these rules that is under the control of any member of this side of the aisle, is there any action any member on this side of the aisle can take to bring the budget up to a vote to meet our constitutional deadline? Is there any procedure available to any member on this aisle so that we can have a budget by the constitutional deadline?

The SPEAKER. Other than the advice that the gentleman gave to Representative Everett, the Chair is not aware but will take it under advisement and do the necessary research.

Mr. MAHER. So as I understand it, there is no way any Republican member can cause—

The SPEAKER. The Chair did not say—

Mr. MAHER. —the budget to come to a vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair did not say that. The Chair said, at this moment, the Chair is not aware of any provision, but the Chair will take it under advisement and do the necessary research.

Mr. MAHER. And so at the risk I not mischaracterize your wisdom, the Speaker is aware of no way that any Republican member can bring HB 1286, the budget, forward for a vote so that it can go to the Governor's desk by the constitutional deadline?

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman cease.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Oliver, rise?

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, to make an announcement for the Health and Human Services Committee to be meeting immediately in room 60E.

The SPEAKER. The Chair gives permission for Health and Human Services to meet.

Mr. OLIVER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the break, the LORL (Legislative Office for Research Liaison) Committee will meet in room 208 of Irvis Office.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman mean immediately or—

Mr. ROEBUCK. Immediately is fine.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair gives permission for the committee to meet.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like your permission to call an immediate meeting of the State Government Committee in Ryan 205.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair gives permission for the committee to meet immediately.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Sturla.
Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking for permission to hold an immediate meeting of the Professional Licensure Committee in 39 East Wing.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Permission is granted for the gentleman to hold a committee meeting.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. DeLUCA

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That meeting we said at the break will happen immediately in room 50 in the Irvis Building for the Insurance Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair gives permission for the Insurance Committee to meet.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Thomas, rise?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate this opportunity. I have been trying to get your attention for some time now.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman seeking—

Mr. THOMAS. Two things.

One, I would like to call a meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee immediately upon the call of the Chair in room 302, Irvis Office Building.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman wish to meet immediately?

Mr. THOMAS. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Permission is given for the committee to meet.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. THOMAS. My second concern, Mr. Speaker, even on unanimous consent, and this might be a parliamentary inquiry—

The SPEAKER. I cannot recognize the gentleman under unanimous consent because the gentleman, Representative Maher, has already been recognized under that provision.

Mr. THOMAS. No; parliamentary inquiry.

The chair, the majority chair—

The SPEAKER. Is the parliamentary inquiry related to the gentleman, Representative Maher's parliamentary inquiry? If not, it will have to wait until the gentleman has concluded his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. THOMAS. No; it is.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order then and may state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. THOMAS. The majority chair indicated that there can be a meeting of the Rules Committee to discuss the matter for which the speaker is continuing his inquiry, and to that end, my

question is whether or not this inquiry is unnecessary in light of the invitation that has been extended by the majority chair of Appropriations?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman fails to understand the point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. THOMAS. My inquiry is whether or not there is a need for the speaker to continue his inquiry in light of the majority chair's invitation for the Rules Committee to meet on HB 1286?

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is entitled to make a suggestion on the previous speaker's point of parliamentary inquiry, but that decision is left to Representative Maher.

HOUSE SCHEDULE

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Just a quick comment on schedule.

The majority leader's team has no further votes today. We are going to go back to caucus. Some of us are going to engage aggressively with the Governor's Office and with our counterparts in the Senate, and we will certainly do everything possible to keep Mr. Smith and the Republican leadership team informed of our deliberations throughout the day.

Tomorrow we will caucus at 1 and report to the floor at 2, and we are going to continue, in the characterizations of Chairman Evans, to seek compromise and make progress. We are not in that dire a straits. The Republican leadership team in the last 4 consecutive years had challenges in a June 30 midnight deadline, and the wheels will not come off the apparatus at midnight tomorrow, although it is still our anticipation that we will strive in that direction.

But we will go to caucus now. We will continue to meet with our leadership counterparts in the Senate and with the Governor and his team, and we will report to caucus at 1 p.m. tomorrow for a 2 o'clock session.

Thank you very much, sir.

I might also add as an addendum, the Appropriations Committee and Rules Committee will not – repeat – not be meeting today.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Major.

Miss MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus tomorrow at 1 p.m.; that is, Republicans will meet on Saturday, tomorrow, at 1 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Eachus. The gentleman waives off.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Has Representative Maher concluded his point of parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to make the inquiry, is this new practice of dismissing members to

committee meetings while business continues on the floor intended to occur? It seems to me that it is not—

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman will cease.

There is no business—

Mr. MAHER. If I could finish?

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman will cease.

There is no business before the House. The Chair has announced there will be no formal votes taken today, and the Chair is operating under the provision of unanimous consent.

Mr. MAHER. There was business before this House, Mr. Speaker. My parliamentary inquiry was open where you certainly yielded my time to allow these other announcements, but that business was not concluded. So there is business—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized for his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. MAHER. There is business before the House, Mr. Speaker, and I am wondering if a motion to suspend the rules might be in order?

The SPEAKER. Well, the Chair was under the impression that he had responded to the gentleman—

Mr. MAHER. But I need guidance, I need guidance on how—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will cease.

The Chair was under the impression that he did respond to the gentleman's point of parliamentary inquiry on several occasions.

Mr. MAHER. I had not concluded my inquiry, and you acknowledged as much when Mr. Thomas was speaking and seeking an announcement.

The SPEAKER. I asked the gentleman to cease. That is technically not correct. But the gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MAHER. Well, in fact, you asked the gentleman, Mr. Thomas, if his parliamentary inquiry was related to my open parliamentary inquiry, and if not, that he would need to pause until another time. He expressed that it was related, and you allowed him to proceed. So clearly you were quite specific in acknowledging that the business of my parliamentary inquiry was still open.

But my parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, is to the extent that you have given permission for a handful of committees to be meeting while there is business before the floor, how would you enroll a vote on a question to suspend the rules when the public is aware that those individuals are not in this chamber? What are the mechanics on that, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. There was never a motion placed before the House. We were operating under the provisions of unanimous consent and point of parliamentary inquiry, as the Chair stated. And the Chair is being very respectful, as respectful as it can be, that the gentleman stated his point of parliamentary inquiry, on several occasions the Chair responded to that specific point, and out of courtesy, when the gentleman, Representative Thomas, rose, the Chair did not want to preempt the gentleman from continuing if he had another point of parliamentary inquiry. Out of respect for the Chair—

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, then I am going to make my motion.

The SPEAKER. —I was going to return to Representative Maher, but the Chair was—

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, could I? A point of parliamentary inquiry consistent with the gentleman from

Allegheny's. Could I, just to further expand on his question, may I—

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman wants to phrase a point of parliamentary inquiry, the Chair was under the impression that he had responded to Representative Maher's, but if the gentleman—

Mr. MAHER. My question is still pending: How do members vote who are not here?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will cease.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman, Representative Smith, would like to state a point of parliamentary inquiry, the gentleman is in order.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my point of parliamentary inquiry is somewhat a restatement, I believe of the gentleman from Allegheny.

Once the members of various committees have left the floor of the House to do committee business through a period of time in which the Speaker does not anticipate that there will be any votes, if some member of this floor chose to make a motion that would require a vote, what is the Chair's process or how will that be handled in order to bring those members back, or how are we accounting for the votes so that— If I am not clear, Mr. Speaker, when you have given permission for committee meetings to operate while the House does not anticipate votes and none of us know for sure what happens next, if a vote does come up, a point-of-order-type question as a motion to suspend the rules, a motion to adjourn, whatever that may be, how does the Chair handle reconstituting all of the members here? Is it like a quorum call? What is the process, I think is the question, the parliamentary-inquiry question we are looking to resolve.

The SPEAKER. The Chair had indicated for the members, so that they could proceed with other business or remain in the chamber under the provision of unanimous consent, that there would be no further votes taken today. Members stood for announcements and asked if those committees could meet immediately because they have to do business and make reports back to committee, I mean back to this Chair before the end of business today. We were operating under the provision of unanimous consent, as we were the other day when Representative Williams and numerous other members got up and talked about gun violence, and that was the procedure that the House was entertaining, exactly that procedure. That was the reason the House announced there would be no further votes, so that the remainder of the day could be allotted for committee meetings and for members to make statements under the provision of unanimous consent. During those requests for unanimous consent, there was a point of order raised by Representative Maher, which was asked and answered.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A further point on that parliamentary inquiry.

Therefore, if I chose, hypothetically chose to make a motion to adjourn right now and for some reason there was disagreement with that, that we should not adjourn at this moment, and it required a vote, a roll-call vote, would it constitute me also making a quorum call, or is there another process for all the members to be recalled from those various committee meetings around the Capitol Building?

The SPEAKER. The House takes a motion to adjourn by a voice vote every day. The House could do that at this moment.

Mr. S. SMITH. And, I mean, I could come up with a rash example, but I will refrain from doing that. My point is that while the majority leader and the Chair, the Speaker, may not anticipate further votes on the regular bills that were noticed and listed on the calendar, I can foresee a circumstance where a vote could be necessitated, and again, as we work through these rules on how we handle some changes in process, I guess I am still asking— I guess I would have to make a quorum— Would the proper motion be, Mr. Speaker, for the person that wanted to make a motion that would require a roll-call vote, to make a quorum call, or do those members just simply not vote because we had a quorum here, they left, and those that are present get to vote? So the handful of us that are here could vote, and if no one makes a quorum call, that is the vote? What is the process?

The SPEAKER. The Chair would have to say that any motion would be out of order at this point, because the Chair has announced there would be no more formal votes taken today, so any motion would be out of order.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, maybe I can be helpful.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. DeWEESE. Maybe I can be helpful. I want to help the gentleman from Upper St. Clair and the gentleman from Jefferson County every time I can, every time I can.

We are going to caucus, and we are going to meet with the Governor's representatives and possibly the Governor, we are going to meet with the Senate leadership team, and we may indeed come back here in 2 hours or 4 hours or 6 hours. We can certainly come back this evening and entertain some of these putative suggestions. They are in their infant stage. They may be developed. But we are in a moment of recess, to the best of my knowledge, and we are going to caucus, but I certainly do not want to give my honorable colleagues short shrift. If they would prefer to come back this evening or late this afternoon and engage in these appropriate dialectics, that is okay, but I have announced a caucus, I have announced leadership meetings, and I have announced a caucus tomorrow at 1 and a recommencement of our formal activities at 2, so it is not as if we are bereft of a formal schedule.

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The business before the House is limited because the Chair has given permission for committee meetings to meet, so the Chair cannot take any formal votes while those committees are conducting business.

Mr. MAHER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has yielded to Representative Smith on his point of order.

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I am not here to delay the House Democrats on doing their caucus, nor, I am not sure the word; I was going to ask the majority leader what the definition of the word was he used that described the nature of these questions. I will have to look it up later when I figure out what he said.

Let me leave this, Mr. Speaker, if I could, let me leave you with this thought then: At this juncture right now, when we were making parliamentary inquiries, if hypothetically I were to have challenged the ruling of the Chair, would not that have unexpectedly brought a vote of the membership to hand? And we do not need to decide it now; I am not going to ask you for a decision on it. I am saying that in terms of knowing how we can operate while you have allowed the committees to meet while

we are having these other discussions, a parliamentary inquiry comes up. It is very legitimate that the Chair makes a determination on a parliamentary inquiry, and a member, any member of this House, might challenge that ruling of the Chair, which would precipitate a vote on the board. And I am not asking for an answer at this moment. I know that the Democrats want to go to their caucus; I respect that. I will just leave that as a point of ponderance that we might iron out as we proceed.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will just inform the minority leader that there was no ruling made by the Chair, so there is nothing to appeal, and typically, as the Chair tried to explain, at the end of business when the Chair announces there will be no formal votes taken, the Chair will entertain, after that announcement, members to rise and be recognized under the provision of unanimous consent, which is exactly what the Chair did today.

Representative Maher.

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, is that another one of those rulings that you are not making and therefore is not subject to being appealed? Because if not for my good humor, Mr. Speaker, I completely reject—

The SPEAKER. There was no ruling.

Mr. MAHER. —your conclusion, and if not for my good humor, I would ask today to appeal the ruling you have just made. But in the interest—

The SPEAKER. The Chair made no ruling.

Mr. MAHER. —in the interest of my colleagues' afternoon not being unnecessarily entangled—

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman is going to make a point of parliamentary inquiry, he will state that. He will not speak over the Speaker. The Chair is trying to be respectful.

There is no ruling. The Chair has said that time and time again. There is no ruling the Chair has made. There is no appeal that is in order for a ruling that does not exist and has not been made by the Chair, and the Chair will ask for the gentleman to show respect for the process.

Mr. MAHER. I show respect for the process, Mr. Speaker, and I appeal that ruling.

The SPEAKER. There is no rule.

Mr. MAHER. You just made another ruling, Mr. Speaker, and you struck my mike during the midst of the parliamentary inquiry. You made yet another ruling, which I would appeal, but I am going to be a nice fellow—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman—

Mr. MAHER. —and not actually file that appeal. If the gentleman would just allow me to continue without cutting off the mike, I think we would—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will cease. The gentleman will cease.

The gentleman is out of order.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. And the House will now stand 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
(ROSITA C. YOUNGBLOOD) PRESIDING**

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

SB 455, PN 1243

By Rep. STURLA

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further providing for the definitions of "dental hygienist" and "board"; providing for the definition of "public health dental hygiene practitioner"; further providing for the general powers of the State Board of Dentistry and for radiologic procedures, education and training; and providing for the practice of public health dental hygiene practitioners.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

SB 548, PN 292

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act establishing the Long-Term Care Partnership Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare.

INSURANCE.

SB 877, PN 1039

By Rep. OLIVER

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as The Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, adding definitions; and further providing for prepayment for contracted medical services and for established drug regimens.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND
RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

HB 534, PN 605

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for prompt payment to health care providers of clean claims.

INSURANCE.

HB 1614, PN 2067

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for additional investment authority for subsidiaries.

INSURANCE.

HB 1649, PN 2124

By Rep. OLIVER

An Act providing for fluoridation of public water.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 362 By Representatives COHEN, PERZEL, KENNEY, J. TAYLOR, McGEEHAN, PAYTON, D. O'BRIEN,

M. O'BRIEN, CRUZ, KIRKLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, SABATINA, WATERS, PARKER, W. KELLER, WILLIAMS, R. TAYLOR, FREEMAN, EACHUS, DERMODY, DePASQUALE, GOODMAN and RAMALEY

A Resolution urging the Commonwealth and all of its departments, agencies, boards and commissions to procure and utilize, where possible, remanufactured automobile parts and equipment to perform their designated functions.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 29, 2007.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1006, PN 1236

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 29, 2007.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bill be removed from the tabled bill calendar: SB 877.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations: SB 877.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there any other announcements?

Does the majority leader or the minority leader have any further business?

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, any remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cruz from Philadelphia County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Saturday, June 30, 2007, at 2 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 4:23 p.m., e.d.t., the House
adjourned.