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

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by Father John Paul, who is a friend of the Speaker and is the pastor of Our Lady of Calvary Church in northeast Philadelphia, which happens to be my parish. So I welcome Father John Paul here today.

REV. JOHN P. PAUL, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning.

We have already got the Pope, John Paul, but he is dead. I am no relation. I am German-Irish. He was Polish.

I would like to just spend a minute and give you a little background of who I am, a minute giving a little story that leads into the prayer.

I am Father John Paul, as Denny said, at Our Lady of Calvary Parish. I am the pastor there, and we have approximately 10,000 people, about 3,000 families. We are nestled up in the northeast corner, up near Franklin Mills mall.

When I went to the parish, the pastoral council there – as you have your councils and meeting groups – the pastoral council gave me a dictionary. They said, if you have any questions, here is a dictionary for you. You already have the Bible.

So after my first sermon, I came back and I said, well, how did I do? One of the members of the council said, you are a warm preacher. I said, what do you mean by warm? He said, look it up in the dictionary. So I went to the dictionary and found out the word "warm" means not so hot. So I took that okay. The next Sunday, if you are familiar with Bishop Sheen who used to be on television, I stole one of his sermons, which you guys would never do, I am sure, but I took his whole talk and I delivered it the way he would deliver it. I came back and I really felt great, and I said, well, how did I do? A pastoral council member looked at me and said, well, you are a model preacher. I said, what do you mean by model? He said, look it up in the dictionary. So I looked it up in the dictionary, and I found out that the word "model" means a small imitation of the real thing. My ego was deflated, and I went back the next Sunday and I told the congregation what had happened about the dictionary and my comments and I was just going to try to be myself. After church a little guy came up to me and he said,

Father, my mom says you have a mellow voice. I said, what do you mean by mellow? He said, look it up in the dictionary. I went back and found out that the word "mellow" means overripe and almost rotten. So I present myself as a warm, model preacher with a mellow voice for singing.

A little story that would lead into the prayer, I was down at the beach, summertime, really at the end of the summer, day off, walking along, and I spotted this fisherman. I said, how are you doing? He said, how are you doing? And I said, how is fishing? He said, it is all right here, but I would rather be out there, out there in the deep. I would like to launch out into the deep. That is where the real action is. I like to explore. I like to see the different kinds of fish that are out there, even the sharks. He said, it is great out there, into the depths, looking at all those kinds of fish, bringing them up. It is wonderful. He turned to me and he said, what do you do? I looked at him and I said, well, I am a pastor. He said, where do you pasture? I said, well— He misunderstood what I said. I figured, well, I am not going to lie to him, but he may not know what a pastor is. So I said, well, I pasture up in north Philadelphia. He said, what do you pasture, cows or sheep? Well, I thought for a moment and thinking of the Bible, I said, well, I pasture sheep. Are you a shepherd? I said, yes, I am a shepherd. He said, how many sheep do you have? I said, well, about 10,000. He said, you have 10,000 sheep? I cannot believe it. Up in north Philadelphia? I did not know they had that many sheep in all of Philadelphia. I sort of let it go. I said, they do. He said, well, how do you take care of your sheep? I said, well, I take care of them, try to protect them, provide for them, make sure they are okay, watch over. Sometimes they are weak, but I know that I have to take care of them and take good care of them. I walked along.

I would like to present the prayer.

Lord, You gather us together from different backgrounds and traditions, from different origins and families, but You gather us together to be one. You move our minds, stretch our imaginations and our hearts; fill us with love.

Help us to be good fishermen to explore the issues, the depths, the uniqueness, the truth, the beauty of each and every one, the issues as well as the people. But also, Lord, make us good shepherds. Help us to protect and provide for and to watch over especially those who are weaker, especially those who cannot speak for themselves.

Lord, give us faith, hope, and love. Give us faith to trust in Your way and Your purpose, to surrender, to guide us each day. Give us hope, have courage to take risk to be responsible, and give us love to serve others, provide for those especially who are in need. Help us to know that each moment is special and sacred to You and to us. Help us to use them wisely. God bless.

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 Monday, February 11, 2008, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to request for leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative HANNA of Clinton County be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. The leave will be granted.

The Chair turns to the minority whip, who requests that Representative Mark KELLER from Perry County be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. The leave will be granted.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome to the floor of the House, as the guest of Representative Dan Moul, Trevor Staub. Trevor is serving today as a guest page. He is a senior at Biglerville High School, and he is a future pediatrician. Trevor, would you please stand and be recognized. He is in the well of the House. Welcome to the floor.

The Chair would also like to welcome, seated to the left of the Speaker, as the guest of Representative John Evans, Dr. Jeremy Brown, president of Edinboro University. Dr. Brown was appointed the 16th president of Edinboro University on July 1, 2007, succeeding Dr. Frank Pogue. He currently resides in Edinboro with his family. Doctor, would you please stand and be recognized.

We would like to welcome two special guests, who are the guests and also the parents of Representative Sean Ramaley. Art and Chris Ramaley are seated in the balcony. Welcome. Would you please stand and be recognized.

The Chair would also like to welcome, as the guests of Representative Brennan, Nicolas Nucito, who is the State president of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and the chaperone, Eugenia Emert, and they are seated in the gallery. Would you please stand and be recognized.

The Chair would also like to welcome, as the guests of Representative Bob Mensch, two guest pages. One is Bob Mensch's grandson, Zackary Gerhart, and his parents are in the balcony, and they are Marissa and Scott; and also Bob Mensch's friend, Marissa McNaughton, and her mother is in the gallery, Mary Ellen. Please join the Chair in welcoming these special guests to the floor of the House. Would you please stand and be recognized.

Members will report to the floor.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative PERZEL of Philadelphia be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. The leave will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL CONTINUED

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Hanna Keller, M. Perzel

LEAVES ADDED—4

Bastian Donatucci Quigley Rohrer

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Quigley

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

STATEMENT BY MR. TURZAI

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

Members will please take their seats. Caucuses will break up.

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

I do ask for unanimous consent and will be very brief.

Today is February 12, and it is the 199th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. I have standing with me Representative Dan Moul from Adams County, who is from Gettysburg, and we just want to bring a few short thoughts about the President to the body today.

I wanted to say this first. I had the honor this past week of delivering a Lincoln Day dinner speech in Adams County in Gettysburg and was able to reflect, once again, on just how great of a man Abraham Lincoln was.

I have pulled a tribute that was written by Frederick Douglass to Abraham Lincoln, subsequent to the President's death, when a statue was being erected in Washington, DC for President Lincoln. I thought Douglass really did one of the best honors or tributes ever to Lincoln that I have read, and Douglass got to the man of Lincoln and he knew Lincoln personally and not merely to the myth. But I think these two paragraphs that I would like to read – and then I will turn it over to my colleague, Dan Moul, with respect to the Gettysburg Address – I think they capture just how important Lincoln was, and it says, "Fellow citizens, whatever else in this world may be partial, unjust, and uncertain, time...is impartial, just, and certain in its action.... The honest and comprehensive statesman, clearly discerning the needs of his country, and earnestly endeavoring to do his whole duty, though covered and blistered with reproaches, may safely leave his course to the silent judgment of time. Few great public men have ever been the victims of fiercer denunciation than Abraham Lincoln was during his administration. He was often wounded in the house of his friends. Reproaches came thick and fast upon him from within and from without, and from opposite quarters. He was assailed by abolitionists; he was assailed by slaveholders; he was assailed by the men who were for peace at any price; he was assailed by those who were for a more vigorous prosecution of the war; he was assailed for not making the war an abolition war" from the start, "and he was most bitterly assailed for making the war an abolition war" at all.

"But now behold the change: the judgment of the present hour, that taking him for all in all, measuring the tremendous

magnitude of the work before him, considering the necessary means to ends, and surveying the end from the beginning, infinite wisdom has seldom sent any man into the world better fitted for his mission than Abraham Lincoln...."

And it is true, Abraham Lincoln met the test of time and did two hugely important things. He, once again, focused on the dignity of all men and ended slavery in a country where it needed to be ended, and secondly, he kept the Union whole to make sure that there was, in fact, a country that believed in democracy and that believed in equality. We know how great his speech was at Gettysburg.

I turn over right now to the Representative from Adams County, Gettysburg, Representative Dan Moul.

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman will suspend for one moment, the Chair will again ask members to please take their seats.

STATEMENT BY MR. MOUL

The SPEAKER. Representative Moul.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have the distinct pleasure and privilege of representing not only the most beautiful district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania but the district where Abraham Lincoln wrote the famous, world-renowned "Gettysburg Address." I am not going to read the whole thing to you, but I would like to read one passage from it.

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Something to remember. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. CLYMER

The SPEAKER. Representative Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just as my two colleagues, I had prepared a few remarks to celebrate the 199th anniversary of the President, Abraham Lincoln. And if I can indulge the members of the General Assembly for a few minutes, I will try to be very quick.

Abraham Lincoln was born Sunday, February 12, 1809, in a log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and was named for his paternal grandfather, Thomas Lincoln.

When Abraham was seven, the family moved to southern Indiana. Abraham had gone to school briefly in Kentucky and did so again in Indiana. He attended school with his older sister, Sarah, his younger brother, Thomas, having died in infancy.

In 1830 the Lincolns moved west to Illinois. In his adult years, Lincoln stood 6'4" and weighed approximately 180 pounds. He had made an unsuccessful run for the Illinois legislature in 1832. He ran again in 1834, 1836, 1838, and 1840, and won all four times. In 1836 he was admitted to the bar.

In Springfield in 1839 Lincoln met Mary Todd. Three years later they were married, and over the next 11 years had four children – Robert, Edward, William, and Thomas.

In 1846 Lincoln ran for the United States House of Representatives and won. While in Washington, he became known for his opposition to the Mexican War and to slavery.

On June 16, 1858, he delivered his famous address, "House Divided."

In 1860 Lincoln ran for the Presidency. With his running mate, Hannibal Hamlin, he won the Presidency on November 6, 1860, defeating Douglas, John Bell, and John C. Breckinridge. He became our 16th President.

On January 1, 1863, he delivered the "Emancipation Proclamation," which went into effect. Also, on November 19, 1863, which you heard read a few minutes ago, Lincoln delivered his famous "Gettysburg Address," which dedicated the battlefield there to the soldiers who had perished, and he called on the living to finish the task the dead soldiers had begun.

He was reelected President with Andrew Johnson as his running mate. He won the Presidency for a second term on November 8, 1864.

On April 9, 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant. Two days later Lincoln addressed a crowd outside the White House. Among other things, he suggested support that Blacks should have the right to vote. This infuriated a racist and southern sympathizer, and his name was John Wilkes Booth.

On Good Friday, April 14, 1865, the Lincolns attended a play entitled "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre there in Washington, DC. Around 10:15 p.m. that evening, John Wilkes Booth entered the theater and shot the President. Abraham Lincoln was carried across the street to the Petersen House, where he passed away the next day at 7:22 a.m.

Abraham Lincoln is remembered for his vital role as the leader in preserving the Union during the Civil War and beginning the progress that led to the end of slavery in the United States. He is also remembered for his character, his speeches and letters, and as a man of humble origins whose determination and perseverance led him to the nation's highest office.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Although I cannot claim 199 years, I would note that today is also my birthday, and certainly—

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes the gentleman a very happy birthday and so do the other members of the House.

REGINA WOFFORD-COOPER INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Thaddeus Kirkland for an introduction.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The month of February has been set aside as we celebrate Black History Month, and before I go into my formal introductions, I just wanted to share with you a piece of Black history and culture. Many members, as I came in, thought I brought this in to persuade people to vote my way. That was not the case. This is a wood carving from a very, very elderly gentleman and his wife from the island of Freeport in the

Bahamas. It is something that they have been doing down through the years, and it is just a beautiful piece of art, African-American art. And just so you know, you cannot take it because it has my name on the back. I want to make that clear.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning to the members of the House.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this very fine vocalist from my alma mater to provide for you and for us a moment in Black history, the "Negro National Anthem," written by James Weldon Johnson. Her name is Regina Wofford-Cooper, and she is a junior at Cheyney University, the oldest historically Black university in the country. She is a music major, and she hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mr. KIRKLAND. She is joined today by the president of Cheyney University, Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital, and Sharon Cannon, executive director of Economic and Workforce Development, to my left. Please join me in welcoming them and join me in this moment of Black history.

If you would be so kind as to give this young lady your undivided attention, please.

(The "Negro National Anthem" was sung by Regina Wofford-Cooper.)

Ms. WOFFORD-COOPER. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Thaddeus Kirkland has agreed to let me use this walking stick today. I have been told that every time you tap it, something magical happens. So I think the Speaker should keep it here all day. What do you think?

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. KILLION called up **HR 591, PN 3207**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Cheyney University of Pennsylvania for its lasting contributions to the rich cultural fabric of Pennsylvania, the United States and indeed the world and recognizing the contributions of the late Laura Wheeler Waring by designating February 12, 2008, as "Cheyney University - Laura Wheeler Waring Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Killion.

Mr. KILLION. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 591 congratulates Cheyney University, which is located in Thornbury, Delaware County, which I represent, and Thornbury, Chester County, represented by Representative Steve Barrar, for its lasting contributions to the rich cultural fabric of Pennsylvania, the United States, and indeed the world and recognizing the contributions of the late Laura Wheeler Waring by designating February 12, 2008, as "Cheyney University - Laura Wheeler Waring Day" in Pennsylvania.

Whereas Cheyney University's educators have left a profound and lasting legacy throughout the world and hired Laura Wheeler Waring, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, to establish an art department at the Institute of Colored Youth during the 1907-1908 academic year.

Ms. Waring was among the artists displayed in the nation's first all African-American traveling art exhibit sponsored by the Harmon Foundation, an organization that promoted the work of African-American artists, writers, educators, and scientists.

Ms. Waring was the recipient of the Harmon Award in 1928 and was selected by the Harmon Foundation to paint portraits of outstanding African-Americans in education, politics, medicine, science, and literature in order to address their marginalization in America because of racial prejudice.

Ms. Waring's dedication to making arts education available to African-Americans took precedence over her extensive studies in Europe and her prolific painting. She directed Cheyney University's art department until her death in 1948.

Ms. Waring's memory has been perpetuated by the naming of a Cheyney University building and a Philadelphia elementary school after her, as well as a historical marker located at her former residence in the city of Philadelphia.

One hundred years after her hiring, Cheyney University's art students continue to pursue portraiture in honor of Laura Wheeler Waring's commitment to increasing the representation and impact of African-American artists.

Here with us today, sitting in the gallery, is Ms. Waring's grandniece, Laura Wheeler Murphy. If she will please stand, please join me in welcoming her to the House.

Now, please join me in honoring Cheyney University and Ms. Laura Wheeler Waring by voting "yes" for HR 591.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Freeman	Marshall	Ross
Argall	Gabig	Marsico	Rubley
Baker	Galloway	McCall	Sabatina
Barrar	Geist	McGeehan	Sainato
Bastian	George	McI. Smith	Samuelson
Bear	Gerber	McIlhattan	Santoni
Belfanti	Gergely	Melio	Saylor
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Mensch	Scavello
Bennington	Gillespie	Metcalf	Schroder
Beyer	Gingrich	Micozzie	Seip
Biancucci	Godshall	Millard	Shapiro
Bishop	Goodman	Miller	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grell	Milne	Siptroth
Boback	Grucela	Moul	Smith, K.
Boyd	Haluska	Moyer	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Mundy	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Murt	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mustio	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Myers	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Nailor	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nickol	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Neill	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	Oliver	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Pallone	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Parker	Swanger

Conklin	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Tangretti
Costa	James	Payne	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payton	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Peifer	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, W.	Perry	True
Curry	Kenney	Petrarca	Turzai
Cutler	Kessler	Petri	Vereb
Daley	Killion	Petrone	Vitali
Dally	King	Phillips	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kirkland	Pickett	Wagner
Denlinger	Kortz	Preston	Walko
DePasquale	Kotik	Pyle	Wansacz
Dermody	Kula	Quigley	Waters
DeWeese	Leach	Quinn	Watson
DiGirolamo	Lentz	Ramaley	Wheatley
Donatucci	Levdansky	Rapp	White
Eachus	Longietti	Raymond	Williams
Ellis	Mackereth	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Maher	Reed	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Mahoney	Reichley	Youngblood
Everett	Major	Roae	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Manderino	Rock	
Fairchild	Mann	Roebuck	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Fleck	Mantz	Rohrer	
Frankel	Markosek		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Hanna	Keller, M.	Perzel
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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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Mr. MENSCH called up **HR 586, PN 3202**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 30, 2008, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. MENSCH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am being joined this morning by Representative Longietti, who agreed to cosponsor this bill with me in a bipartisan fashion. I am also being joined by Representatives Fairchild and Belfanti, who are in-country Vietnam war veterans.

I would like to also welcome anyone else within the House who served during the Vietnam war era to please join us here in the well of the House. Please, anyone who is a Vietnam war era veteran, please join us.

Thank you.

I am also joined by some other guests this morning, and we will momentarily get to the introduction of those individuals.

While the Speaker is busy, could I ask for a little order, please.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is correct. Members will please take their seats.

Mr. MENSCH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. MENSCH. Thank you.

It is an honor to stand with you today to help present and to offer my support to HR 586, which will recognize March 30, 2008, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

Since the end of the Vietnam war, our nation seems to have matured, and today we give respect and appreciation to the men and women of our Armed Forces. Unfortunately, the men and women fighting and dying in Nam did not receive that same level of respect and appreciation. Certainly today there are disagreements over the ongoing war on terror. Regardless, as a country we have matured enough so that we are able to separate our feelings for the men and the women who serve from our feelings about the military actions, and that is as it should be in a mature democracy.

Our brave soldiers, Marines, sailors, and Air Force personnel, who fought in Southeast Asia from 1961 through 1973, did so in miserable conditions fighting an unconventional enemy. But when our troops returned home from Nam, some veterans were wounded – more than 300,000 troops. Some veterans had wounds we could not see. They were psychologically broken, and most returning veterans were wondering why the folks at home could not respect them for their sacrifices.

These men and women were subjected to ugly epithets in protests, they were disrespected in the popular press of that time, and they were often not accepted back into our American society. We look back today, with the benefit of the passage of time – 35 years, actually – and we can see the wounds that were suffered by the veterans of Vietnam.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mr. MENSCH. Today we are joined by several gentlemen who served in Vietnam, and I would like to introduce them. Kit Watson is the American Legion Department Adjutant; Neil Appelby represents the Blind Veterans Association, and he is the past national president; Robert C. Miller is the American Legion Department Commander; Paul Hastings is the chairman of the State Veterans Commission; and Glenn Umberger is the supervisory staff administrator of Headquarters 338th Medical Brigade.

Now, additionally, as I mentioned, we have some members of our own legislature who served in that time, in that war. It is an honor to stand with my fellow veterans in friendship and admiration for their service to our nation.

On March 30, 1973, the withdrawal of the United States forces from Vietnam was completed. Those who survived came home to what was, at best, an uncertain future. They came home with memories of fallen comrades, and of those who were captured, not knowing their fate. Today we stand shoulder to shoulder with them in honor of their service and to let them know that we will never forget their bravery or the valor of those who fell.

Today we offer HR 586 to say welcome home. I ask for your unanimous support.

And at this time I would like to call on Representative Longiotti for some comments.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As was stated, 35 years ago, on March 30, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam. During the war, 3,142 Pennsylvanians made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives in Southeast Asia. Thousands more Pennsylvanians were wounded during the war, while tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians served their country honorably. But in too many cases, they did not receive an honorable welcome home. Today, 35 years later, we give them that welcome home.

I want to recognize two Vietnam veterans from Pennsylvania who are not here today in person but who deserve special recognition. Wayne Stratos is the leader of the Mercer County chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He lives in Sharon, PA, which is in my legislative district. He requested that this resolution be offered to recognize Vietnam veterans throughout Pennsylvania. Wayne and his band of brothers have made it their cause to ensure that every war veteran that returns home to Mercer County receives the honor and the welcome home that they so richly deserve.

Ron Alexander served three tours of duty in the infantry in Vietnam. He lives in New Castle, PA, which is located in Representative Sainato's district. He is an example of the Vietnam veteran – tough, brave, unassuming, and kindhearted. I salute him and all of his fellow Vietnam veterans, and I also urge unanimous passage of this resolution.

I believe Representative Belfanti would like to make some remarks.

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On many occasions I have been asked to speak to this chamber on veterans occasions and have always declined. Today I stand here with only one or two other Vietnam veterans. I recall we had a small cadre when I first arrived in 1981 – Tommy Tigie and Tom Michlovic and E.J. Lucyk and some others – and Russ Fairchild and I, I think, are the only two left, and he does not look like a Vietnam veteran because he still uses Grecian Formula 44. So if ever I have the opportunity to go back to Vietnam, along with so many of my colleagues who have returned for a visit, I am going to take Russ as my son.

I will try not to bore you with my comments. Most of the time I speak off the cuff, as you are aware, but I have written down a few things so I can get through this in a somewhat cohesive manner.

Concerning myself, I enlisted in the Marine Corps for a 4-year hitch in 1967 and got out in 1971. And after boot camp and infantry training, which all Marines have to take, and several schools, I ended up being flown to WESTPAC. It stands for, the acronym, Western Pacific theater of operations, better known as South Vietnam. My MOS (military occupational specialty) was air supplyman, and I left the States a lance corporal and returned a sergeant. That is all I am going to say about myself as I really do not care to speak or relive a single combat experience. You can all read books and watch the History Channel to see what it was all about, but I do want to speak from my heart to some others.

First and foremost, my wife of 38 years. We were engaged when I left for Vietnam, and she promised to write every day. I spent about 400 days there and received 400 letters. And we actually had to code the letters, because I was in the Marine air group and in several different squadrons and we moved around a lot from Quang Tri to Phu Bai to Chu Lai to many other locations. So our mail never caught up with us until

we got back to our normal base camp, which, in my case, was Quang Tri. So I would open these letters randomly and I would always be missing four or five. So she finally started numbering them under her return address, and one of the main reasons for that was at the time there was a sitcom, or not a sitcom, but a soapbox, soap opera on TV that we used to watch before I enlisted called "Dark Shadows." It was about Barnabus Collins, and I know some of you guys were in diapers when I was in Vietnam, but some of you might remember "Dark Shadows," and the guys in my squadron would like to hear what Barnabus was up to. So I would get letter 111 and the next letter would be 116, and then I would not open 116 until I caught up with the other mail so we could keep tabs on our favorite vampire. As I said, 400 days and 400 letters.

Cec, my wife, is now sitting in a hotel room. She came down to help file nominating petitions yesterday, and she really helped get me through 1968 and 1969. I want to thank her for waiting for me, and our song will always be "Unchained Melody." Thank you, hon. I love you.

Back then we were only allowed to call home every 4 months through what was called a MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Systems) station. It was located somewhere in Hawaii, and we could only spend 3 minutes on the telephone, and there would always be someone in the middle listening to every word that was said back and forth between yourself and your loved one. You would have to end every sentence with "over," and then somebody would flip a toggle switch and then you would hear the response. I am so happy that today our fighting men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan have cell phones and can keep in touch with their loved ones, unlike what Vietnam veterans were able to do, because their families lived through anxiety attacks day in and day out not knowing what was going on. But the fact that they can call every day, every other day assures their loved ones here at home that they are okay.

And when they return there is a lot of healing that has to occur, especially those who were sent back for a second or a third tour, you know, mental problems as well as physical problems, some people with lifetime injuries. But when I got home and married my wife, I still had 22 months left in the Marine Corps, and I guess I should be happy for that because I received counseling, and I needed it because I used to have recurring nightmares. And, of course, I just got married and my wife was actually afraid to wake me up. So we went for counseling – and this is how good counseling was back then – the doctor told me I had sleep deprivation, a sleeping disorder, which was common. He then told my wife to open both the front and back door of our little rancher in our NCO (non-commissioned officer) quarters and wake me up with a broomstick and head for the nearest door. So that was the counseling we got back then.

No one knew what posttraumatic stress disorder was back then, and it is partly a guilty feeling that we all have when we come back with all four limbs, and we leave so many of our friends dead or coming home with lifelong injuries. So I thank God that the treatment is better today, but I do wish that the Veterans' Administration would do more, and I do wish the State of Pennsylvania would do more, especially for the families that are here whose loved ones are over there. We cannot afford to let them lose their houses; we cannot afford to let them go hungry. We need to show that we appreciate them.

One program I am going to do a short commercial on that I want to credit the State building trades with is Helmets to

Hardhats, and that is a program where any returning veteran from any of these conflicts is guaranteed admission into an apprenticeship program as a building tradesman, either an electrician or a plumber, bricklayer, or whatever trade you select or are qualified for.

One or two other things and I promise I will get away from the mike. But I also want to thank Americans and Pennsylvanians, because the polls show that almost 80 percent of people are opposed to the war at this point and the number is growing steadily as the body count grows. However, the polls also show that 80 percent of the men and women and citizens of this country and this great State support the troops. They do not hate the troops because of whatever policy we might be following, and I am not here to judge anyone, but I do want to say thank you, Pennsylvania, and thank you, America, for supporting those troops, because they are doing their job.

My closing comment is, some of you see me hobbling around – some days I have a better day than others – and I quite often get asked if my back problems are a result of war injuries, and they are not. One of the reasons my disk started going on me was I was trying to teach Bill DeWeese how to ski down an expert slope when he was an intermediate skier.

But again, I am here. It is almost 40 years later. To all of my comrades who served in Vietnam, welcome home. To the gentlemen in back of me, especially one of my lifelong friends, Paul Hastings, who was in the Marine Corps League, which I am very active in, thank you for being here. And to all veterans of every war, including the small skirmishes like Somalia and Panama and those really forgotten wars, welcome home, and to friends of mine who served in Korea, like Merle Phillips, welcome home as well.

Thank you all very much for your indulgence.

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to beg the indulgence of the members for his own personal reflection on this resolution and thank Representative Mensch and his colleagues for this very significant resolution that is being offered here today, welcoming back our heroes in Vietnam not only for their honorable and courageous service in Vietnam, but for their contributions to Pennsylvania, to their community, and society as a whole. I think it is very important that we recognize these individuals compassionately and appropriately while they are still with us.

For some of us it is too late to afford that recognition. For myself and several members of this chamber, Lt. Lawrence Scheetz died on December 7, 2007, on the 29th anniversary of his first day in country. And as is typical of our heroes in Vietnam, he never spoke of his courageous service, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star. It was not until his passing that I was able to get that description, albeit brief, that was submitted for his awarding of the Bronze Star. And very simply stated, it said that Lt. Lawrence Scheetz was in charge of communications in the Tet Offensive. The switchboards went down, and he accessed those switchboards and put the communications back together; a very simple paragraph. But I have visions of Audie Murphy running around in the lily pads of Vietnam, and I assess to Larry Scheetz, our friend, his contribution and success in that Tet Offensive.

I also recognize that upon his passing, he suffered from stage IV lung cancer, a unique identifier of Agent Orange, and if you go on the Veterans' Administration Web site, there are 32 items that are presumptions of Agent Orange from Vietnam.

As Representative Belfanti acknowledged, they served us well. It is incumbent upon us, through this resolution, to recognize those contributions, and as policymakers here and in Washington and individuals across this country, we can do no less than to recognize those significant issues that visited our heroes in Vietnam and other conflicts.

I thank our colleagues for this significant resolution, and I thank the members of the General Assembly for this moment of reflection.

Representative Fairchild.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I would sincerely like to commend Representative Mensch and Representative Longiotti for honoring Vietnam soldiers and designating a day to welcome us home.

As Representative Belfanti said, there were a lot of tensions going on. I can remember specifically the day I returned and I was surprised, and I am going to get to that in a minute, and I do not want to drag out this day. But it kind of reminds me, in his description, of sometimes how all of us feel down here when we feel that everyone is against us or does not understand an issue, and we have all been through that. But if you can magnify that with spending a year or 2 years in a foreign country doing what you felt was correct and what you felt and knew that the government ordered you to do, it just magnified it and magnified it and magnified it.

But I would like to also thank the members behind me. As I serve on the Veterans Committee with Chairman Melio, we work with these gentlemen all the time. They are at the top of their class; they are at the top of their class. Ironically, those here today are Vietnam veterans, but I can tell you their mission is to look out for all veterans and their families, and they do that very well.

Next I would like to just correct my good friend, Representative Bob Belfanti. Mr. Speaker, there are people serving here today that were not born yet when you and I served in Vietnam. So I just want to correct that. And on the other issue that you mentioned, I might add that perhaps sitting on your seat flying around in a helicopter was not quite the same as being an infantry soldier in Vietnam, where we literally dragged everything around with us in a knapsack – it was not called that – but that was my mission in Vietnam, and I certainly—Bob and I joke back and forth all the time, and I sincerely respect all services there. I can name Air Force, Navy, Marines who probably kept my butt alive in Vietnam and some of the men that I commanded alive. So we all shared the pain, but we all worked together, and we remain brothers today.

My path was I volunteered for the draft. I had graduated from Penn State. My number was up or going to soon be up. So I decided, let us get it over with. I had moved up the ladder very quickly. I got to Vietnam. I was kind of told by all the returning veterans, do not worry about it, you will probably be a squad leader or something like that, or a platoon sergeant. Within 2 weeks, actually within a day of being assigned to my company, I was the platoon leader, and as such, I was in charge of supposedly 36 individuals, and we never had – we could never get a full complement of men to fill out a full platoon. But our mission was essentially night ambushes, and for approximately a year my platoon ran night ambushes every night; every night. I should not say every night. There were times when we would get relief and be assigned to guard a bridge to make sure that the enemy did not infiltrate or blow it

up, and of course that was at night, too. So it really was not like a vacation by any means. But we worked out in the field, we did not come back to base camp. Whatever we had on us, whatever we could carry including ammunition and Claymore mines, et cetera, that is what we had. It would be like going on a year camping trip, and we were resupplied by helicopters. If the weather was good, we would get our food dropped to us, sometimes mail and ammunition, and if anyone was sick or wounded, they would go back on that helicopter. If they were dead, they would go back on that helicopter and we would hopefully get a replacement out into the field in short order.

Vietnam – if you ever get a chance to go there, please go. It is an extremely beautiful country. The South Vietnamese—And I firmly believe today, the North Vietnamese are good people. I believe after some very interesting and heart-wrenching activities, I believe that Vietnam will eventually end up to be one of our strongest allies in Southeast Asia.

I also believe that America really faces a task at hand, and even though it is very easy for people to say, let us not go anyplace, let us shrink back to our borders. But is that really going to help us get to a position of world peace? I am not sure policy leaders of the future can make that decision, and I do not think they will. What we hope and pray for is that those decisions are very well thought out, they are made with honest and accurate data, and that they will, indeed, help bring this world together.

Since 1968 and '69, I really do not think we made that much progress, and that is a sad thing, and we can do much, much better and we will. But I think it is going to take a strong United States service, a multitude of service, because there are some very, very dangerous people in this world today, and we have to be on guard. We are going to lose more Americans, but that is what America has done. When you take a look at our military history, it is fantastic. It is absolutely fantastic. If you want to read a great book about the military and if you have not read it, please read "1776." It is a great read for anyone who is interested in our early history, our early military bearings, and our early political bearings, just how fragile, just how fragile and how close this country was to not really being the United States of America.

With that said, again, as usual, I got off point a little bit, but I just want to say thank you very much to all of you. I know many of you have had events honoring World War II, Korean, Vietnam veterans. I can tell you from my event, I did not know whether the Vietnam veterans were going to come out, I really did not, because a lot of them just hold it in, hold it in, hold it in, and I got the biggest turnout of all my events with the Vietnam veterans.

I have talked to a lot of you and I have spoken at some of your events, and I think you found out, too, that if there was any group – not that the Vietnam veterans are any more deserving – but if there was any group that appreciated what you did, it was the Vietnam veterans.

With that said, thank you very much, and God bless you all.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Hanna	Keller, M.	Perzel
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just some announcements, Mr. Speaker.

There is an event occurring right now – it started at noon in the rotunda – celebrating the history of the Black Caucus expressed through poetry. That event started at 12.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Mr. McCALL. We are going to recess the House at this time. The Appropriations Committee will meet at 1:45 in the majority caucus room, the Democrats will caucus at 2 o'clock in the majority caucus room, and we will return to the floor and take up the calendar at 3 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet at 1:45 in the majority caucus room.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative QUIGLEY be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Argall.

Mr. ARGALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House Republicans will also caucus at 2 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 3 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative BASTIAN be placed on leave for the remainder of the day. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

SB 917, PN 1106

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to CDM Ebsenburg, LLC, certain lands situate in Cambria Township, Cambria County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. That bill will be placed on the supplemental calendar.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

HR 300, PN 1709 By Rep. THOMAS

A Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to ban the use of organic or inorganic arsenic and arsenic derivatives in poultry feed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HR 383, PN 2405 By Rep. THOMAS

A Resolution recognizing that more than 160 million people in India are considered untouchable and dehumanized by the caste system.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HR 416, PN 2535 By Rep. THOMAS

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would allow municipalities to contribute in-kind services as part of their cost-share under Federal grant programs.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HR 568, PN 3149 By Rep. FREEMAN

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and make recommendations for the establishment and administration of a voluntary, opt-in Statewide system for health care and other employment-related benefits, including and excluding pensions for purposes of comparison, for uniformed and nonuniformed employees of local government units.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The SPEAKER. Those resolutions will be placed on the active calendar.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 2213, PN 3163 By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for real property, for personal property and for letting contracts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2233, PN 3226 (Amended) By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of February 9, 2004 (P.L.61, No.7), known as the Elm Street Program Act, further providing for program requirements and for rules and regulations; and repealing the expiration date of the act.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1691, PN 2225**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS
TO SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to Senate amendments to House amendments to **SB 1, PN 1763**.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 1, PN 1763

An Act providing for access to public information, for a designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency, local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing penalties; providing for reporting by State-related institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract information on the Internet; and making related repeals.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative DONATUCCI be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 1691, PN 2225

An Act authorizing the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection and Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to agree to hold and save the United States Army Corps of Engineers free from certain damages arising from certain construction projects.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize, as the guest of Representative Tina Pickett, Representative Matt Baker, and Representative Sandra Major, Kevin Abrams, the executive director of the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission. Kevin is seated to the left of the Speaker. Would you please stand and be recognized.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the presence of Representative Quigley on the floor. His name will be added to the master roll.

STATEMENT BY MS. RAPP

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize Representative Rapp under the provision of unanimous consent.

The Chair asks the members to please take their seats. Conferences will break up. The Sergeants at Arms will encourage the members to take their seats and quiet their conversations.

The Chair recognizes Representative Rapp.

Members will please take their seats. This is a very important issue that I am sure the members will be interested in hearing. If you would please take your seats and quiet your conversations.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On Friday, February 1, two Iraqi women diagnosed with Down syndrome were strapped to remote control explosives by al-Qaeda terrorists to be sacrificed as unknowing and unwilling suicide bombers, killing at least 99 people and wounding 208 others at two separate bazaars in Baghdad.

Mr. Speaker, the evidence surrounding each of these suicide bombings appears to reinforce several claims that al-Qaeda may be becoming more desperate and running short of able-bodied men willing or available to carry out such deadly missions.

For example, the Associated Press revealed that Iraqi women are being "...used in ever greater frequency in suicide attacks..." because they often encounter less scrutiny by security officials.

Maj. Gen. Jeffery Hammond confirmed that "...the suicide bombers were not willing martyrs,...were likely used because they didn't understand what was happening and they were less likely to be searched."

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the bombings prove al-Qaeda is "the most brutal and bankrupt of movements."

Finally, Iraqi police said one of these woman "sold cream in the mornings at the market and was known to locals as 'the crazy lady.'"

Mr. Speaker, when I first received the news of these horrific suicide bombings, the following poem, written by Pastor Martin Niemöller, depicting Adolf Hitler's tyrannical rise to power in Nazi Germany, vividly came to mind:

First they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Catholic.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew.
Then they came for the sick, the so-called incurables, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't mentally ill.

Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.

Mr. Speaker, as someone whose pre-State House experience was dedicated to assisting people with disabilities, I feel these words equally apply to our solemnly sworn obligation as State lawmakers to speak up for all of Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens.

Any time our government, created and empowered by the people, fails to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, our collective silence is, in fact, a vote against the fundamental human rights guaranteed by both our State and Federal Constitutions.

In conclusion, I challenge each and every State House member, especially every woman State Representative, who I am proud to have standing here with me today, to join me in speaking up rather than remaining silent whenever and wherever these unconscionable atrocities involving women or people with disabilities take place.

Last week, Representative Louise Bishop reminded us of the bravery of Rosa Parks and how her actions changed the lives of women and minorities. We can do no less in our positions of leadership in the Pennsylvania State House. We cannot be silent.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues here standing with me today.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 226 INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize, as the guests of Representative Josh Shapiro and Representative George Kenney, Boy Scout Troop 226 from St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. They are seated to the left of the Speaker. Would you please stand and be recognized.

The Chair would like to recognize Representative Shapiro to amplify that introduction.

Mr. SHAPIRO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Honorable colleagues, I wanted to give you the opportunity to meet some true Pennsylvania heroes, Boy Scout Troop 226 from St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

You may have read about these young people. These were the folks, these were the people, who assisted in the rescue of an injured hiker on October 20, 2007. The rescue took place along the Pinnacle section of the Appalachian Trail in Berks County near Hamburg, Pennsylvania. They found an injured hiker, and these Scouts built a stretcher to help rescue the injured hiker to bring her to safety and to make sure that she would once again be able to hike through the beautiful mountainsides here in Pennsylvania.

These are real Pennsylvania heroes, and I would like to welcome Representative George Kenney to recognize each of them individually. Representative Kenney.

Mr. KENNEY. Thank you, Representative Shapiro.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce each Scout individually, and if they would please stand: Chris Gallagher, the Scout master; Sean Gallagher, assistant Scout master; Sean Snyder; Nicholas Swartz; William Bowman; and Megan Gallagher, Venture Crew 226.

Please join Representative Shapiro and me in congratulating these true Pennsylvania heroes.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2200, PN 3218**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for recovery of certain labor relations expenses; further providing for definitions; providing for adoption of energy efficiency and demand-side response; and further providing for duties of electric distribution companies.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A05845**:

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 2806.1), page 9, line 19, by striking out "(c)(6)(iv)" and inserting
(c)(6)(iii)

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes Representative George on the amendment.

Mr. **GEORGE**. Mr. Speaker, this is a technical amendment that just makes a technical change. It does not change the bill in any way. I ask that we put that in the bill.

The **SPEAKER**. Will the House agree to the amendment? Representative Ross.

Mr. **ROSS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Although I think this is an excellent amendment, because it exactly mirrors a provision that I suggested, is it not true that we need to suspend the rules in order to do this on third?

The **SPEAKER**. This is a technical amendment. It does not require a suspension of the rules.

Mr. **ROSS**. In that case, I urge a positive vote on this excellent amendment.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Gabig	Marshall	Ross
Argall	Galloway	Marsico	Rubley
Baker	Geist	McCall	Sabatina
Barrar	George	McGeehan	Sainato
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Saylor
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Scavello
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Schroder
Biancucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Shimkus
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Siptroth
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Smith, K.
Brennan	Harhai	Moyer	Smith, M.
Brooks	Harhart	Mundy	Smith, S.

Buxton	Harkins	Murt	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harper	Mustio	Sonney
Cappelli	Harris	Myers	Staback
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Stairs
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Steil
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stern
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Stevenson
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Sturla
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Surra
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Swanger
Costa	James	Pashinski	Tangretti
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Keller, W.	Peifer	Thomas
Curry	Kenney	Perry	True
Cutler	Kessler	Petrarca	Turzai
Daley	Killion	Petri	Vereb
Dally	King	Petrone	Vitali
DeLuca	Kirkland	Phillips	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Kortz	Pickett	Wagner
DePasquale	Kotik	Preston	Walko
Dermody	Kula	Pyle	Wansacz
DeWeese	Leach	Quigley	Waters
DiGirolamo	Lentz	Quinn	Watson
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	Wheatley
Ellis	Longiotti	Rapp	White
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Williams
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Yewcic
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	Youngblood
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	Yudichak
Fleck	Mann	Rock	
Frankel	Mantz	Roebuck	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Freeman	Markosek	Rohrer	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bastian	Hanna	Keller, M.	Perzel
Donatucci			

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

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

The **SPEAKER**. The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The **SPEAKER**. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes Representative Ross.

Mr. ROSS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Back in 2004 when we passed the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards, many of us were concerned about the effect that that would have in the long run on electricity pricing when the price caps came off. And over the next couple of years, I and others worked very hard on an idea to try and bring conservation and demand-side management forward as an alternative to reduce the cost of electricity when the price caps came off. A good deal of us worked on that and we made some significant progress on that over the last year or so, and I am pleased to see that much of what I was looking for in my legislation is contained in this bill as it currently is before us.

I am, of course, also disappointed, because it could be better. I am disappointed that we did not have more conversation, despite my efforts to reach across the aisle. And I would say that we have many speeches about bipartisanship, and I think they are important. But we have to also, in addition to having speeches about bipartisanship, we actually have to have conversations. We have to talk to each other, and I am disappointed that we did not have those conversations until after the voting was taken yesterday.

After the voting is taken, it is really too late. The conversations need to be had previous to that, when the language can be improved. It does not matter whose name is on this bill. When it goes to the Governor's desk, the names come off the bill and the language is left, and that is why it is important to improve the language, not with just one-half of the body but with the whole body, with every intelligent member participating fully and involved in the discussions.

I am hoping we are going to change. I am hoping we are going to start talking to each other in a useful way so that we can improve the quality of the legislation that we give to the public. It is important for the public, and I think that this is a good time to start making that change.

I urge a positive vote on this, and I urge all the members, Republicans, Democrats, Mr. Speaker, to work together more effectively in the future.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hutchinson.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to passage of HB 2200, and let me tell you why.

I believe that in its original, unamended form, before it came to the House floor, there were a lot of redeeming qualities in the bill. It did promote conservation, and that is a laudable goal for Pennsylvania, to try to conserve energy use. However, by the amendments passed yesterday, which mandated universal smart meters across Pennsylvania, that is a fatal flaw that makes this bill a bad idea for Pennsylvania. It is bad for the consumers of Pennsylvania who will have to pay for those smart meters, whether they save on their electric bills or not. It makes no sense whatsoever to force people to pay for those smart meters and then, in addition, still pay higher and higher utility bills.

It was said yesterday that if only 1 percent of the people used smart meters, we would have huge savings in energy use in Pennsylvania, and, Mr. Speaker, I agree with that statement. But my idea is, let us get the smart meters only to those 1 percent of the people and get this same savings in energy use. That is the smart way to move forward to promote energy conservation, to use technology like smart meters in a targeted and commonsense way instead of a mandated, across-the-board

consumer tax – that is what it is, a couple hundred dollars per person – that will have to be paid to pay for these smart meters.

So after adding that fatal flaw to this bill, I think it is incumbent upon everyone in this chamber to vote against HB 2200, and I ask them to join me in that vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative Sam ROHRER be placed on leave for the remainder of the day. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2200 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative George.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, again, I echo the gentleman, Mr. Ross—

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman will suspend.

The Chair will ask the members to please take their seats and quiet their conversations. Conferences will break up. Conferences will break up. The House will come to order.

Representative George is in order and may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, do you think there is a possibility they do not want to hear what I have to say?

The SPEAKER. I do not think that is a possibility, Representative.

Mr. GEORGE. Well, as I said at the start, I admire Representative Ross's courage to do the best thing for all whom we serve, regardless of principle or party, and I commend him for his positive approach to what we should do for our constituents in that HB 2200 gives utilities and consumers the framework that they must have to counter the looming increases in generation charges.

In a nutshell, HB 2200 institutes rewards rather than penalties for conserving energy. Under HB 2200, utilities would be required to reduce overall output by 2 1/2 percent and peak demand, when energy prices are at their highest, by 4 percent.

HB 2200 would direct the State Public Utility Commission to establish the criteria for implementing conservation and efficiency programs and to select a program administrator to oversee the program's implementation within each utility. Under HB 2200, programs would be designed to benefit all classes of ratepayers – all classes – from the homeowners and the renters to the largest of industrial users. For the utilities, HB 2200 would establish a clearly defined process for financial compensation for meeting performance benchmarks.

Other States have realized – hear this – other States have realized a \$2 savings for constituents for every dollar invested by the utilities in efficiency measures. Currently, however, Pennsylvania ranks 44th among States in per capita spending on energy efficiency for utilities.

My colleagues, we thank you for your consideration of HB 2200. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Preston.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 2200 really takes us into the term of 2000. Last year when I had a hearing, I had a person who was involved in marketing and advertising and had talked to me about that she

did the first ad in 1985 for smart meters. Now, I do not know, but I had heard some gentleman previously talk about, well, we do not need to do this or do that – since 1985. It is time to move forward. It is time to get the business on today. Think of all the energy we could have conserved instead of listening to somebody with a laissez-faire attitude about, let us hold off; let us hold off; let us stop doing this. Let us just get this on today so that we can save energy for the future and the generations of tomorrow.

Let us vote 2200 today.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-152

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS-152' in four columns: Adolph, Argall, Barrar, Bear, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Bennington, Beyer, Biancucci, Bishop, Blackwell, Boback, Boyd, Brennan, Buxton, Caltagirone, Carroll, Casorio, Civera, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, Cruz, Curry, Cutler, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, DePasquale, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Eachus, Evans, D., Evans, J., Fabrizio, Fairchild, Frankel, Freeman, Gabig, Galloway, George, Gerber, Gergely, Gibbons, Godshall, Goodman, Grell, Grucela, Haluska, Harhai, Harkins, Harper, Helm, Hennessey, Hickernell, Hornaman, James, Josephs, Keller, W., Kenney, Kessler, Killion, King, Kirkland, Kortz, Kotik, Kula, Leach, Lentz, Levdansky, Longiotti, Mahoney, Major, Manderino, Mann, Mantz, Markosek, Marsico, McCall, McGeehan, McI. Smith, Melio, Mensch, Micozzie, Milne, Moyer, Mundy, Murt, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, M., O'Neill, Oliver, Pallone, Parker, Pashinski, Payne, Payton, Petrarca, Petri, Petrone, Phillips, Preston, Quigley, Quinn, Ramaley, Raymond, Readshaw, Reed, Roebuck, Ross, Rubley, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Scavello, Schroder, Seip, Shapiro, Shimkus, Siptroth, Smith, K., Smith, M., Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steil, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, J., Taylor, R., Thomas, True, Vereb, Vitali, Wagner, Walko, Wansacz, Waters, Watson, Wheatley, White, Williams, Wojnaroski, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, O'Brien, D., Speaker

NAYS-45

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS-45' in four columns: Baker, Brooks, Cappelli, Causer, Clymer, Cox, Creighton, Denlinger, Ellis, Everett, Gillespie, Gingrich, Harhart, Harris, Hershey, Hess, Hutchinson, Kauffman, Mackereth, Maher, McIlhattan, Metcalfe, Millard, Miller, Moul, Mustio, Peifer, Perry, Pickett, Pyle, Reichley, Roae, Rock, Saylor, Smith, S., Sonney, Stevenson, Swanger, Turzai

Table listing names of members: Fleck, Geist, Marshall, Rapp, Vulakovich

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Table listing names of members: Bastian, Donatucci, Hanna, Keller, M., Perzel, Rohrer

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 949, PN 2933**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for real estate appraiser certification required, for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, for powers and duties of board, for application and qualifications, for reciprocity, for certification and licensure renewal, for disciplinary and corrective measures, for reinstatement, for reporting of multiple certification, for surrender of suspended or revoked certificate, for penalties and for injunctive relief.

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-197

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS-197' in four columns: Adolph, Argall, Baker, Barrar, Bear, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Bennington, Beyer, Biancucci, Bishop, Blackwell, Boback, Boyd, Brennan, Brooks, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappelli, Gabig, Galloway, Geist, George, Gerber, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Grell, Grucela, Haluska, Harhai, Harhart, Harkins, Harper, Harris, Marshall, Marsico, McCall, McGeehan, McI. Smith, McIlhattan, Melio, Mensch, Metcalfe, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, Milne, Moul, Moyer, Mundy, Murt, Mustio, Myers, Rubley, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Saylor, Scavello, Schroder, Seip, Shapiro, Siptroth, Smith, K., Smith, M., Smith, S., Solobay, Sonney, Staback, Stairs

Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, W.	Peifer	True
Curry	Kenney	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kessler	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Killion	Petri	Vitali
Dally	King	Petrone	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kirkland	Phillips	Wagner
Denlinger	Kortz	Pickett	Walko
DePasquale	Kotik	Preston	Wansacz
Dermody	Kula	Pyle	Waters
DeWeese	Leach	Quigley	Watson
DiGirolamo	Lentz	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Longiatti	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	
Fleck	Mann	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mantz	Roebuck	Speaker
Freeman	Markosek	Ross	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Bastian	Hanna	Perzel	Rohrer
Donatucci	Keller, M.		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1257, PN 2934**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further defining "expanded function dental assistant"; defining "certified dental assistant"; further providing for general powers of the State Board of Dentistry, for fees, for reason for refusal, revocation or suspension of license or certificate, for penalties, for civil penalties, for right of dentists to practice as dental hygienists and expanded function dental assistants, for reporting of multiple licensure or certification and for the definition of "assignment of duties"; and providing for scope of practice of expanded function dental assistant and for scope of practice for certified dental assistant.

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-196

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

NAYS-1

O'Neill

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Bastian	Hanna	Perzel	Rohrer
Donatucci	Keller, M.		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2088, PN 3007**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for definitions, for the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, for respiratory care practitioners, for respiratory care practitioner certificates and permits and for reasons for refusal, revocation or suspension of license; and providing for regulations.

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—197

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

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bastian	Hanna	Perzel	Rohrer
Donatucci	Keller, M.		

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 917, PN 1106**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to CDM Ebensburg, LLC, certain lands situate in Cambria Township, Cambria County.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1081, PN 3234 (Amended) By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, for disciplinary and corrective measures and for penalties.

COMMERCE.

HB 1082, PN 3235 (Amended) By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department of Banking Code, further prohibiting disclosure of certain information; and providing for conduct of administrative proceedings relating to institutions and credit unions.

COMMERCE.

HB 1083, PN 3236 (Amended)

By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, further providing for general authority, for notice and institution of foreclosure proceedings, for notice requirements, for assistance payments and for repayment; and providing for an ongoing foreclosure study.

COMMERCE.

HB 1084, PN 1319

By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending the act of January 30, 1974 (P.L.13, No.6), referred to as the Loan Interest and Protection Law, defining "department"; and further providing for the definition of "residential mortgage" and for the duties of the Department of Banking.

COMMERCE.

HB 2026, PN 3229 (Amended)

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, in health and accident insurance, providing for group health policies to continue for period of time after termination of employment or membership in health maintenance organizations.

INSURANCE.

HB 2028, PN 3230 (Amended)

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, providing for the Health Care Cost Containment and Comparison Council; further providing for definitions; adding powers and duties of the council; further providing for data submission and collection; providing for common services data analysis; and further providing for sunset.

INSURANCE.

HB 2098, PN 3231 (Amended)

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act establishing a system for payment or reduction in payment for preventable serious adverse events within Commonwealth programs; informing health insurers of payment policies used by Medicaid and Medicare; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, the Insurance Department, the Department of Health and the Department of State.

INSURANCE.

HB 2179, PN 3237 (Amended)

By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending Titles 7 (Banks and Banking) and 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating the mortgage loan industry in terms of practice, licensure and penalties; providing for unlicensed mortgage loan activity; and making related repeals.

COMMERCE.

HB 2209, PN 3232 (Amended)

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 issuance of group accident and sickness insurance.

INSURANCE.

SENATE MESSAGE**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

In the Senate,
February 11, 2008

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 10, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 10, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**RESOLUTION**

Mr. DeWEESE called up **HR 484, PN 2753**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the Uniform Power of Attorney Act and Pennsylvania's current power of attorney statute to determine whether any amendments should be made to Pennsylvania's current statute.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 484 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled bill calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 484 be removed from the tabled bill calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the intention of the Chair to recess regular recess and go into special session at 3:45.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Regular session is now in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize, as the guests of Representative Peter Daley, Mark Giovanelli of the Mon Valley Career Technical Center, with students Justine Lowly, Cassie King, Deandre Majors, and Austin Ramsey. They are seated in the balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. WANSACZ called up **HR 592, PN 3219**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 25, 2008, as "Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Gabig	Marshall	Rubley
Argall	Galloway	Marsico	Sabatina
Baker	Geist	McCall	Sainato
Barrar	George	McGeehan	Samuelson
Bear	Gerber	McI. Smith	Santoni
Belfanti	Gergely	McIlhattan	Saylor
Benninghoff	Gibbons	Melio	Scavello
Bennington	Gillespie	Mensch	Schroder
Beyer	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Seip
Bianucci	Godshall	Micozzie	Shapiro
Bishop	Goodman	Millard	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Boback	Grucela	Milne	Smith, K.
Boyd	Haluska	Moul	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moyer	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Mundy	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Murt	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Mustio	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Myers	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger

Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, W.	Peifer	True
Curry	Kenney	Perry	Turzai
Cutler	Kessler	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Killion	Petri	Vitali
Dally	King	Petrone	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kirkland	Phillips	Wagner
Denlinger	Kortz	Pickett	Walko
DePasquale	Kotik	Preston	Wansacz
Dermody	Kula	Pyle	Waters
DeWeese	Leach	Quigley	Watson
DiGirolamo	Lentz	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Longiotti	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	
Fleck	Mann	Rock	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Frankel	Mantz	Roebuck	
Freeman	Markosek	Ross	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bastian	Hanna	Perzel	Rohrer
Donatucci	Keller, M.		

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

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tomorrow morning, we will have a Democratic caucus at 10:30. We will report to the floor at 11.

Due to the snowy conditions, I am under the impression that the Democrats and Republicans will only be maintaining a skeleton staff between 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock.

I do not think I have any other announcements. Thank you very much, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the majority leader.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Major. Miss MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus tomorrow morning at 10:30. I would ask all Republicans to please report to our caucus room at 10:30 Wednesday morning. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Are there any other announcements?

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Rock of Franklin County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 3:54 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.