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

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered by Representative Thaddeus Kirkland.

HON. THADDEUS KIRKLAND, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our Father and our God, it is once again, O Lord, that we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, for You said in Your word, O God, in all things give thanks. So today, O God, we pause to thank You for life, health, and strength, thanking You, O God, realizing that so many did not make it this morning. But because of Your grace and Your mercy, we are some of the ones who did, and for that, O God, we once again give You thanks.

God, as we move forward in today's proceedings, we ask, O Lord, a special blessing upon the Lieutenant Governor, Catherine Baker Knoll, for we know, O God, that You are Jehovah, the Father God who heals.

Also, God, a special blessing on those areas that have been ravaged by the hurricanes, for we know, O God, that You are the one that can bring peace in the midst of a storm. And so, God, we call upon You.

Now, O God, as we, the men and women of this House, prepare to do Your will and Your work, we pray, O God, that You would give us the wisdom of Solomon and also his understanding to do that which is right. We pray, O God, that You would give us the strength of David to stand firm in our convictions, and we pray, O God, that You would give us the love of Your son to care about one another.

God, we ask these things and we do these things in the mighty and majestic name of Your son. Our soul says, with thanksgiving, 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 Tuesday, September 16, 2008, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative QUINN of Bucks County be placed on leave. The Chair hears no objection. Leave will be granted.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

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

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Quinn	Wojnaroski	Youngblood
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LEAVES ADDED—4

Eachus	Mundy	Nickol	Payton
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LEAVES CANCELED—3

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1462, PN 4336 (Amended) By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act providing for insurance coverage for patient costs associated with cancer clinical trials.

INSURANCE.

HB 1777, PN 4337 (Amended) By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act restricting municipalities from regulating amateur radio service communications.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 1023, PN 1350 By Rep. STURLA

An Act amending the act of February 14, 1986 (P.L.2, No.2), known as the Acupuncture Registration Act, redesignating registration as licensure.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative Phyllis MUNDY be placed on

leave for the day. The Chair hears no objection. Leave will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative PAYTON from Philadelphia be placed on leave. The Chair hears no objection. Leave will be granted.

Members will please take their seats. Members will please take their seats. Conferences will break up in the rear of the House, in the side and center aisles.

The Chair thanks the members for their cooperation.

GERMAN DIPLOMATS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Today is a very special day here in the Capitol. Not only is it Constitution Day, but we have eight young diplomats visiting us from Germany. Seated in the rear of the chamber, they are visiting our Capitol today to learn more about State government and the 2008 elections, with emphasis on the youth vote.

Will our guests please stand and be recognized as I call your name: Mr. Wotan Drescher, specialist for organizational matters at the Junge Union, or J.U.; Mr. Sebastian Ehlers, head of the J.U.; Ms. Inga Groth, treasurer of the J.U.; Mr. Peter Kowalk, managing director of the Christian Democratic Union Caucus; Ms. Katharina Krause, member of the J.U.; Mr. Franz-Robert Liskow, head of the Greifswald branch of the J.U.; Mr. Daniel Peters, staff member of the Mecklenburg legislature; and Mr. Marc Reinhardt, head of this delegation and member of Parliament.

Accompanying them are three U.S. State Department employees: Ms. Ruth Boggs, interpreter for the delegation; Ms. Erika Konuk, also an interpreter for the delegation; and Mrs. Hildegard Morgan, administrative officer and interpreter for the delegation.

Please help me in giving a warm welcome to our special guests.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to advise members that he has given permission to James Roxbury of the Roxbury News to videotape with audio HR 870.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. If I could have the attention of the members.

The Chair would like to welcome, to the left of the Speaker, the Friends of the State Library and its Rare Books Collection. They are here to help celebrate Constitution Day.

Would you please rise as I announce your name: Robert Gallivan, who is with the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries; Kurt Bodling from the State Library; Glenn Miller from the Pennsylvania Library Association; Matt Kane from the State Library; Neal Rusnov of DGS (Department of General Services); Kathryn Stephanoff of the Governor's Advisory Council; Susan Solarczyk of the State Library; Dave Mitchell from the Governor's Advisory Council; Caryn Carr, Clare Zales, and Jeanne Metcalf from the State Library. Would you please stand and be recognized.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. BEYER called up **HR 870, PN 4323**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 17, 2008, as "Constitution Day" in Pennsylvania and urging all citizens to reflect on the historic role Pennsylvania played in the drafting of our founding documents.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

CLARE ZALES PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would now invite the Commonwealth's State Librarian, Clare Zales, to come up to the podium for a few brief remarks and to explain why I am in this attire. Clare, would you please come up?

Members will please take their seats. Will members please take their seats.

Ms. ZALES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In response to you exercising your historic prerogative to call for a volume from the State Library collection to be present in deliberations and resolutions on the House floor, it is with honor and awe that I present to you the second volume of the work of John Locke. This volume is one of 425 volumes that was referenced during the writing of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. This volume in particular was selected because it directly influenced Thomas Jefferson's writing of the words "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

On behalf of all the generations since then who have been influenced by this collection and involved in its care, I present it to you today that it may inspire our deliberations today and inspire future generations as we strive for that more perfect Union.

Mr. Speaker, the collection is yours.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much. Thank you, Clare.

I do not know if any of you have had the opportunity that I have had to go over and visit our Rare Books Collection that is unique to this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was founded by Ben Franklin, who also founded the Library Company of Philadelphia.

The Library Company of Philadelphia was an instrument so the common man could attain learning skills by pooling their resources and buying books. Those books were under attack, and they were moved to three various locations in Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, York, and eventually Harrisburg. Our Founding Fathers and learned members from all over the country would come to our State Library to do their research and their writings.

There is a uniquely engineered facility that is preserving these wonderful books. It is in jeopardy right now, and I submit for our consideration in the House, in the Senate, and the administration that we provide \$10 million to this library to sustain the viability of these publications, these books, these periodicals.

Over the years, other libraries have tried to preserve these. When they press down, they destroy the original documents. This library is something that we should be very, very proud of, but if we do not take care of it, it is going to go away.

Many of us served with the great Speaker Matthew Ryan. This was a project that he started in this Commonwealth. I submit to you that you consider, in the name of Matthew J. Ryan, that we appropriate and finish the work that he started with this library and preserve these books, these periodicals, for generations to come. It is our responsibility, and thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Mundy Quinn Wojnaroski Youngblood
Payton

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

The SPEAKER. I will now remove this attire before you start "smocking" me.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. As a courtesy of the Speaker's Office, on your desk you will find a pocket version of the United States Constitution in celebration of Constitution Day.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome to the floor of the House, as the guest of Representative Keith Gillespie, Zack Sheffer, who is the nephew of Dana Alwine, senior counsel to the Republican Caucus. Zack is a ninth grade honor student at Central York Senior High School in York County. Zack will be participating in today's reading of the U.S. Constitution. Would you please stand and be recognized.

**GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP 1171
INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Seip for an introduction.

Mr. SEIP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of our members the valuable efforts of some constituents who came to the Capitol to visit me today and visit the hall of the House.

These young ladies and their leaders contributed a tremendous amount of service to their community in the 125th Legislative District, and most recently they beautified and made safe a playground in Schuylkill Haven. They spent a lot of time working, sanding the old equipment down with their hands. They were using power tools and even engaged the neighborhood to provide support for this important community activity.

The girls have accomplished over 30 hours on this leadership project and were awarded their silver award from the Girl Scouts. This was acknowledged at the August 3, 2008, meeting of the Schuylkill Haven Borough Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to have these fine young ladies stand up as I introduce them. They are from Girl Scout Troop 1171 in Schuylkill Haven, and the Scouts are Alicia Blunk, Meghan Devlin, Cheyenne Gipe, Samantha Litwack, Julie Sansone, and Jolene Stankiewich. And the leaders are also here today: Judy Devlin, Kristy Kraft, Linda Litwack, and Cathy Sansone. Please join me in congratulating these young ladies on a fine accomplishment and service to their community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**2008 FALL SEMESTER
LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. The Legislative Fellowship Program, sponsored by the House of Representatives through the Bipartisan Management Committee and the Office of Chief Clerk, has six students from six different schools participating in this fall's 2008 semester program which runs for 13 weeks.

Legislative Fellows are assigned to either a committee chairman or a leadership office. The final requirement necessary to complete the fellowship is that each intern must create, research, and present an original piece of legislation complete with an oral defense before an audience of friends, professors, House staff, and members. The final presentations are scheduled for December 12, and hopefully many of you will be able to attend.

Just for your information, to date, over 300 students have successfully completed this program, and many of them are currently working here in the House, the Senate, and the Governor's Office.

We welcome to the hall of the House today the six Fellows who began their internship in September, and they are seated in the rear of the House. They are:

David Cummings – would you please stand? – a student from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, attending Lock Haven University, assigned to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee under Representative Mike Hanna and supervised by Diane Hain.

Zachary Kansler, a student from Effort, Pennsylvania, attending Lebanon Valley College, assigned to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee under Representative Bud George and supervised by Tom Kuhn.

Russell Orlando, a student from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, attending Penn State Harrisburg, assigned to the Gaming Oversight Committee under Representative Paul Clymer, supervised by Jennifer Weeter.

Miltonia Peal, a student from Owings Mills, Maryland, attending Temple University, assigned to the Education Committee under Representative James Roebuck, supervised by Chris Wakeley.

Maryann Sanders, a student from Leavenworth, Kansas, attending the University of Pittsburgh, assigned to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee under Representative Russ Fairchild and supervised by Rick O'Leary.

Ashley Sweeney, a student from Moscow, Pennsylvania, attending Elizabethtown College, assigned to the office of the majority whip under Representative Keith McCall, supervised by Nikki Jones.

Also seated with them is the Legislative Fellowship Coordinator, Ray Whittaker. Would you please stand and be recognized. They are to the left, in the rear of the House.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to advise members he has given permission to Gary Dwight Miller of The Patriot-News to take still photographs.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Please welcome, as a guest of Representative Mario Scavello, Daniel Kulesa of Pocono Summit. Daniel is a freshman at Pocono Mountain East High School. He is an honor student and a former Student of the Month. Also please welcome Daniel's mother, Mary Ellen Kulesa, and grandmother, Mary Trickle, who are seated in the gallery. Would you please stand and be recognized.

Please welcome Louis Yako, who is the guest of Representative Chris Ross. He is seated to the left of the Speaker. Louis, welcome to the floor.

The Chair would like to welcome to the floor of the House Jamhar James, who is the son of State Representative Harold James, and he is seated to the left of the Speaker. Would you please stand and be recognized. Jamhar?

STATEMENT BY MR. JAMES

The SPEAKER. Under the provision of unanimous consent, the Chair happily recognizes Representative James for a few remarks.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to introduce to you and the members of the House my son, Jamhar Malik James, who has just completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and now is a Marine.

And for the record, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to honor him with this legislative acknowledgment saying "...your outstanding achievements which bring distinction to you, your community and your state. Your accomplishments are especially noteworthy due to your extreme courage, strength and perseverance. You are a source of great pride and inspiration to your family and for all whose lives you have touched and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the House of Representatives to honor you with this citation." To my son, Jamhar James.

And I just wanted to say that when I told our majority leader, Bill DeWeese, and Keith McCall and Dwight Evans and Jewell Williams and Thaddeus Kirkland and Ron Waters that my son had just on Father's Day went to Parris Island, South Carolina, to serve in the Marines, Keith McCall said, well, you know, my nephew just went down there, too, and he will be graduating this Friday. But Bill DeWeese took off his Marine pin and said, I want you to send this to your son, and I really appreciated that and I did send it to him.

But words alone cannot describe how proud I am that my son has chosen to protect our country, and I ask that you all pray for Jamhar as he continues his training and his service to the country. Thank you and God bless. And I love you.

STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes a fellow Marine, the majority leader, Representative William DeWeese, for a few remarks.

Mr. DeWEESE. Just an invitation.

On behalf of Merle Phillips and the other Marines in the room, we would like to invite Jamhar for a photograph. And again, on the anniversary of the Union victory at Antietam,

September 17, 1862, a day that will live in the marshal annals of our nation, I welcome the young Marine also.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair welcomes Bill Anspach, who is the guest of Representative Helm. He is seated in the front of the House. Would you please stand and be recognized.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative William DeWeese, for an announcement.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

HOUSE SCHEDULE

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, the House will reconvene at 2:15. The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 2 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Appropriations will meet at 2 o'clock in the majority caucus room.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Are there any further announcements? Representative Oliver.

Mr. OLIVER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the call of the recess, the House Health and Human Services Committee will be meeting in room 205 of the Ryan Building. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and hopes he has a good Wednesday.

The Health and Human Services Committee will meet in room 205 of the Ryan Building at the call of the recess.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 2:15 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**SB 1263, PN 2157**

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for expiration of chapter.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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,
September 16, 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, September 22, 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, September 22, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to recess regular session with the intention of going into special session at 2:23 p.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Regular session of the House will now stand in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1798, PN 4347** (Amended)

By Rep. OLIVER

An Act providing for pharmacy audit procedures.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2525, PN 4322**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for definitions, for issuance of dog licenses, for applications for dog licenses, for license certificates, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for out-of-State dealer license, for bills of sale, for revocation, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, for transportation of dogs, for health certificates for importation, for inspections of premises and dogs and for additional duties of department; providing for refusal of entry; further providing for seizure and detention of dogs, for confinement of dogs, for dog bites, for registration, for certain requirements, for control of dangerous dogs, for public safety, for selling, bartering or trading dogs, for damages caused by coyotes, for burdens of proof, for enforcement and for violations; providing for exemption; further defining "releasing agency"; and making editorial changes.

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.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. BASTIAN. I would like to speak on final passage.

VOTE STRICKEN

The SPEAKER. The clerk will strike the vote.

Representative Bastian.

Mr. BASTIAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

Representative Bastian is in order.

Mr. BASTIAN. Mr. Speaker, Monday's rejection of certain sound and sensible amendments to HB 2525 was a triumph of extreme policymaking over essential regulation. It is telling and unfortunate that the advice from veterinarians who are recognized as animal-welfare experts would actually be ignored. I am personally and professionally offended by that fact. Recommendations in good faith to the House Representatives from conscientious groups such as the PVMA (Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association) and others were met with criticism rather than careful consideration.

All Pennsylvanians want strong and effective oversight of the canine industry. We do not believe the welfare of dogs would be strengthened by forcing responsible kennel owners to move to less regulated States. The maker of the bill will tell you that the PVMA was listened to, but in fact only on the minor issues, not on the major issues.

Without the inclusion of provisions that would have made this a more balanced bill, I will be voting "no," and I urge my colleagues to do so also. Thank you.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Staback.

The gentleman indicates that he wishes to submit his remarks for the record. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of HB 2525.

This bill has been the subject of a lot of study and work by the outdoor community throughout the State; in particular, the Sporting Dog Defense Coalition.

I had the opportunity to work closely with the Coalition in working out important portions of this bill and saw firsthand how their concerns were addressed one by one and how this bill became a much better piece of legislation.

The Coalition, speaking on behalf of sporting dog owners, myself included, no longer oppose this bill.

Groups represented by the Coalition include: American Kennel Club, American Beagler, Chester County Fox Hunter Association, Pointer Club of America, Radnor Hunt Club, United Kennel Club, and the Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America, National Hunting Beagle Association, PA Beagle Gundog Association, and many more groups.

Throughout the formation of this bill, their goal was for this measure to become an effective tool to clean up the puppy mill industry while not causing harm to legitimate sporting dog owners. I believe that goal was met.

Representative Hanna should be commended for his hard work towards that goal and for this finished product: a Dog Law that fixes problems without causing them.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I support HB 2525 and ask for the members' support.

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

Mr. GABIG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to speak briefly to follow up on Dr. Bastian's comments – very well made. So I will make it brief now.

My wife is a veterinarian also – I think some people know that – a member of the PVMA. She is the president of the Capital Area Veterinary Medical Association. And, of course, I have heard these concerns expressed not only here in the hall of the House but in my house halls. But I am going to take a slightly different tact than Dr. Bastian at this point.

We have got to remember, this is only moving the process along. This still has to go to the Senate for their consideration. This is not going directly to the Governor, so there is still time to work on this bill. There have been a lot of amendments up for consideration. So we are moving the process along. It is a product, I think, that most of us can support at this stage, and if there are some other concerns that need to be raised, we can hopefully address those over in the Senate.

So at this stage I will be supporting this, not because I support every provision or I was glad that every amendment was defeated, but that I just want to move the process along so that we can all accomplish what we want to by helping to keep these animals safely treated here in Pennsylvania.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will simply submit my comments for the record as well, but I would like to just respond to the two previous speakers and just say that I want all members to understand that our disagreement with the PVMA is not over the standards themselves that the PVMA would like to see adopted in the bill but over the enforceability of those standards in a court of law.

Unfortunately what the PVMA had advocated would have been either difficult or impossible to enforce in a court of law, and we needed the tougher standards that the department had put forward, and that is what is ultimately in this bill. But we thank the PVMA for their input on the bill, and I encourage a "yes" vote on it.

I would like to submit the balance of my comments for the record, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

House Bill 2525 goes a long way in ensuring the humane care of dogs in the State's commercial kennels.

This bill represents a victory for our dogs, animal lovers, and consumers who buy dogs from commercial kennels. We had overwhelming public support, evidenced by thousands of letters and e-mails, asking us to strengthen the State's Dog Law and put an end to unacceptable practices that are currently perfectly legal.

Not only would some of the proposed changes improve conditions for dogs, but they would also allow for better enforcement of the State's Dog Law, which has been a problem in the past.

The bill would, for the first time in Pennsylvania, define commercial kennels and set standards for these kennels that generally mirror those required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Commercial kennels would be defined as any kennel where dogs are bred and sold or transferred to a dealer or pet shop, or where 60 or more dogs are sold or transferred in a calendar year.

The legislation would have little, if any, impact on noncommercial kennels such as boarding kennels, private sporting or hobby kennels, pet stores, rescue shelters, or nonprofit kennels.

Some of the requirements for commercial breeding kennels would:

- double the current cage size for dogs and require solid flooring in cages;
- prohibit the stacking of cages;
- require that dogs be given access to an outdoor area for exercise;
- introduce new standards for temperature controls, lighting, and ventilation; and
- require dogs to receive an annual exam by a veterinarian and prohibit anyone but a veterinarian to euthanize dogs in a commercial kennel.

While we respect the opinions of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association when it comes to the care of animals, we could not agree with some of their suggestions because they would have been difficult or impossible to enforce in a court of law.

We did work with many stakeholders, including PVMA, to reach a compromise on this bill, including the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Senator Mike Brubaker, my counterpart in the Senate. I would also like to thank Representative Casorio for introducing the bill and the 92 legislators who signed on as cosponsors, as well as the many individuals and organizations who testified before the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to offer suggestions for improving the legislation.

Ensuring the humane treatment of dogs in the State's large-scale commercial breeding kennels is the right thing to do. I urge your support of this legislation, and I urge legislators in the Senate to pass it when it moves to their chamber.

Thank you.

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

Mr. Speaker, I support basic care for ALL dogs. Basic standards exist in today's law and regulations.

I also support many of the provisions in HB 2525 that would make improvements on this basic care. But I think that some of the provisions in HB 2525 go beyond providing basic care and seek to provide conditions that are simply not necessary and which, according to the professional veterinary medical community, could actually be detrimental to the health of dogs.

I supported the provisions offered by Dr. Bastian that would have provided regular veterinary care for dogs in commercial kennels and that would have provided for regular veterinarian-approved exercise outside of the primary enclosure. I am disappointed that this House chose to support a bill that was created from emotion and not based on science and the true welfare of our animals.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I will be casting a negative vote.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the presence of Representative Marguerite Quinn on the floor. Her name will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2525 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—181

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

NAYS—17

Bastian	Geist	Metcalfe	Stairs
Causar	Hershey	Pyle	Stern
Cox	Hess	Roae	Stevenson
Denlinger	Hutchinson	Smith, S.	Yewcic
Fleck			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Eachus	Payton	Wojnaroski	Youngblood
Nickol			

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.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. HARPER called up **HR 853, PN 4256**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Community Partners Center for Health and Human Services as the first nonprofit center in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Eachus
Nickol

Payton

Wojnaroski

Youngblood

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

RESOLUTION

Ms. WAGNER called up **HR 789, PN 3915**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to urge the Comptroller of the Currency for the United States Treasury to add the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area as a new Community Reinvestment Act assessment area for Bank of America.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. This resolution will go over temporarily.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. If I may have the attention of the members.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish an early birthday to our Chief Clerk, Roger Nick. It is my understanding that Roger will be celebrating his birthday this Friday, September 19. Does anybody want to know what his age is? Drag it out of me. Want to guess? Fifty-seven.

Happy 57th birthday, Roger Nick. We will keep it quiet. We will not tell anybody.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2532, PN 4327**, entitled:

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

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—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Eachus	Payton	Wojnaroski	Youngblood
Nickol			

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.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. METCALFE called up **HR 829, PN 4074**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 20 through 27, 2008, as "Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Eachus Payton Wojnaroski Youngblood
Nickol

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

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

STATEMENT BY MR. CIVERA

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

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have a statement with Representative Evans and myself in regard to the budget and the Governor's comments of yesterday. If we could have some order in the House, please.

The SPEAKER. I assume that the two gentlemen have checked with the majority leader under the provision of unanimous consent?

Mr. CIVERA. Yes, we have, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

The Chair will ask all members to please take their seats. The Sergeants at Arms will clear the aisles.

Representative Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we enter into the '08-09 budget and what we did in July in the House and the budget that we had crafted that was passed well by a majority in the House, as we all know when we look at the financial impacts both on the nation as well as Pennsylvania, the Governor yesterday, which I respect and I applaud, came out with a statement that he is going to conserve \$200 million and \$4.3 million in the independent departments and ask all his department heads to cut as we watch what is going to happen with our budget.

Our budget presently and our revenues are approximately \$118 million short than we were. Our estimate was at \$3.1 million, and what I am saying here today is this, that we are now into some difficult times, and I believe that the administration and the House Democrats as well as the House Republicans agreed when we did our budget that we would protect the \$750 million as far as the Rainy Day money is concerned, my point being this: that I believe now is the time that we put partisan politics aside and that we come together as a group to represent the people that we were sent here to represent.

I do not want to see Pennsylvania get into a situation where in next year's budget, we will have to significantly increase taxes to balance our budget because our Constitution calls for that. I do not want to see Pennsylvania get into a situation where our debt and our revenues are so low that it would be that we would have to drastically go into different programs. So what I am recommending to the majority chairman of the

Appropriations Committee is that we, on a monthly basis, with the Appropriations Committee and the administration, meet with the Appropriations Committee to discuss the budgetary items and the different programs that could be in jeopardy as we come into these difficult times. We must both together and with the administration design a path that will protect Pennsylvania from what other States have gone through.

And my comments today are this: I respectfully thank the Governor for coming out yesterday and saying what he did, because he is recognizing that there is a problem and that there are cuts that have to be made and that there has to be monitoring made as far as the State budget is concerned. And I would wish that Representative Evans – and I am sure he will – would join me in this bipartisan effort where we can have monthly meetings with the administration to go on and discuss our budgetary situation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. D. EVANS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority chairman of Appropriations, Dwight Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to work with the Republican chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Governor, because I do not think that this is a partisan issue and what is happening with our economy is obviously beyond our control, is obviously beyond our control what has taken place, you know, with the large number of foreclosures that are taking place in this country as well as what is happening to some banks and people's investments. So I do think, like never before, we do have to work together to help move Pennsylvania through these challenging times.

So I am prepared to work with the Republican chair as well as the Governor's Office in terms of trying to make this a very smooth current budget year and as we look into the next fiscal year. So, Mr. Speaker, I would be ready to work together.

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Civera.

Mr. CIVERA. Would you agree then that we could have monthly meetings with the Appropriations Committee, Republican and Democrat, and the administration to monitor what is going on as far as the budget is concerned?

Mr. D. EVANS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. CIVERA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 320;
 HB 1164;
 HB 1277;
 HB 2275;
 HB 2579;
 HB 2674;
 HB 2686;
 HB 2722;
 HB 2753; and
 SB 1274.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 320;
 HB 1164;
 HB 1277;
 HB 2275;
 HB 2579;
 HB 2674;
 HB 2686;
 HB 2722;
 HB 2753; and
 SB 1274.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. KILLION

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

Mr. KILLION. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to bring to the members' attention that I intend to ask for House Discharge Resolution No. 11 to be brought up Tuesday, September 23, or any legislative day thereafter.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. ROAE

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

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my intent to call up Discharge Resolution 10 for a vote on or after September 23. This will discharge the bonus-ban bill, SB 986, out of the State Government Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, for a committee announcement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, the House Commerce Committee will meet immediately upon the recess of the House in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

At the recess, the Commerce Committee will meet in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

Are there any other announcements?

The Chair recognizes Representative Boback of Luzerne County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, September 22, 2008, at 1 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Those in favor of the motion will say "aye"; those opposed—
 The Chair rescinds that announcement.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

The Chair announces there will be no further votes. The Chair intends to keep the desk open for additional legislative processes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will 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
(MARK B. COHEN) PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will come to order.

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

HB 2600, PN 4349 (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, providing for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Program.

COMMERCE.

HB 2743, PN 4348 (Amended)

By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for the Office for Safe Schools.

EDUCATION.

SB 472, PN 547

By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

EDUCATION.

SB 1376, PN 1962

By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act repealing the act of March 1, 1799 (16 Sm.L.181, No.221), entitled "An act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

EDUCATION.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there any further business to come before the House?

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady, Representative Boback from Luzerne County, who moves that the House do now recess until Monday, September 22, 2008, at 1 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 3:32 p.m., e.d.t., the House recessed.