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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL)**  
**PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered by Rabbi Avi Winokur, who is the guest of Representative Mike O'Brien.

RABBI AVI WINOKUR, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Mr. Speaker, members of the House, distinguished guests, it is an honor to be here this morning to offer the invocation to this session of the House.

This is a difficult time, and I think we all know this. No one envies the task that you have. The decisions that you have to make, no matter what you decide, in terms of the budget, in terms of priorities here, people will be complaining on all sides of all aisles. I think I told you what you already know.

Compassionate God, grant those who have been entrusted with the authority to represent the people of this wonderful Commonwealth the wisdom and discernment to make those tough decisions with integrity, with honor, and with trust, and may we all benefit from their wisdom. And let us all thank You for the opportunity that we have to live in a country that is free, that is a democracy, and that affords us the opportunity to determine our own destiny, and let us all say amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate meeting of the House Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room; an immediate meeting of the House Appropriations Committee in the House majority caucus room.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 10, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates the Democrats have no leaves of absence.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leaves: Representative MOUL from Adams County for the day, Representative QUIGLEY from Montgomery County for the day, Representative HENNESSEY from Chester County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

Members, please report to the floor. The Speaker is about to take the master roll. Members, please report to the floor.

#### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome to the hall of the House, in the well of the House, Richard Urban, who is serving as a guest page today. Richard is a senior at Lake-Lehman Senior High School and has written a book on the Civil War entitled "Bravest of the Brave." He has had an article published in the Gettysburg Magazine. He is accompanied today by his mother, Christina Urban, who is located in the gallery. They are guests of Representative Boback. Will Christina please rise and will Richard please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

The Chair would also like to introduce, to the left of the Speaker, the sister of Representative Kortz, Dorothy Kortz-Best from Allegheny County. She is an executive board member with IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) 1944. Accompanying her are Joyce Scott, president and business manager of IBEW 1944; Sandra Thomas, vice president; and executive board members Yvonne Baney, Patty Krushnowski, and Doreen Bennett. They are the guests of Representative Bill Kortz. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also to the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes John A. Cosgrove, who is a member of the State House of Virginia. John, please rise. He is the guest of Representative Russell Fairchild. Welcome to the hall of the House, Representative.

The Chair also welcomes, to the left of the Speaker, J.C. Good, who is originally from Lancaster County. She is the guest of Representative Josh Shapiro and Representative John Bear. Will she please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

The Chair also welcomes, to the left of the Speaker, Josh Clemente of Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Josh is a highly decorated combat veteran of the war in Iraq and served with Representative Murt with the 4th Infantry Division. He is the guest of Representative Murt. Josh, will you please rise, and welcome to the hall of the House, and thank you for your service.

And also to the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes Alexandra Marquis and Wendy Jastremsky, who are the guests of Representative Tom Murt. Will the guests please rise. Sorry about crucifying those names. Welcome to the hall of the House.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**PRESENT—193**

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longiatti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Markosek	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	George	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metcalf	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Metzgar	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Miller	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Milne	Solobay
Causar	Grell	Mirabito	Sonney
Christiana	Grove	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Haluska	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Hanna	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harhai	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harhart	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	O'Neill	Thomas
Creighton	Harris	Oberlander	True
Cruz	Helm	Oliver	Turzai
Curry	Hess	Pallone	Vereb
Cutler	Hickernell	Parker	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Dally	Houghton	Payne	Wagner
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Josephs	Perzel	Waters
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Wheatley

DePasquale	Keller, W.	Pickett	Williams
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	Youngblood
DeWeese	Killion	Pyle	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn	
Donatucci	Kortz	Rapp	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Readshaw	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger	Reed	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Belfanti	Miccarelli	Petrarca	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Moul	Quigley	White
Lentz	Perry		

LEAVES ADDED—1

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The SPEAKER. A quorum being present, the House is ready to do business.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 85, PN 77**

By Rep. D. EVANS

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

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 115, PN 394**

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for an exception to the interlocking business prohibition; further exempting certain hotels from certain requirements; and further providing for responsible alcohol management.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 282, PN 302**

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of neglect of care-dependent person.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 295, PN 318**

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exception for adopted children; providing for sibling visitation; and making an editorial change.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

The SPEAKER. Those bills will go to the supplemental calendar.

**REPORT OF  
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Curry, who makes the following report from committee.

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives  
March 11, 2009

Resolved that,

Representative Mark Cohen, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Children and Youth Committee vice Representative Wheatley resigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rep. Lawrence Curry  
Chairman  
Committee on Committees

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?  
Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 132** By Representatives VULAKOVICH, BROOKS, CHRISTIANA, MARSHALL, MUSTIO, TURZAI, BOYD, CLYMER, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, J. EVANS, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GRELL, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, KORTZ, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, WATSON and K. SMITH

A Resolution directing the Bipartisan Management Committee to establish a process by which members and employees of the House of Representatives make employee contributions for health care benefits.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 136** By Representatives COHEN, KAUFFMAN, BAKER, BISHOP, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, D. COSTA, FAIRCHILD, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HESS, HORNAMAN, KIRKLAND, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, PARKER, PHILLIPS, PYLE, ROCK, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD and D. O'BRIEN

A Resolution expressing opposition of the House of Representatives to the closing of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 10, 2009.

**HOUSE BILLS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 817** By Representatives BUXTON, THOMAS, BRENNAN, CARROLL, GIBBONS, HARKINS, M. KELLER, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SABATINA, SIPTROTH and STURLA

An Act amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Amateur Boxing Assistance Account.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 10, 2009.

**No. 818** By Representatives HALUSKA, DeWEESE, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, PALLONE, SIPTROTH, STABACK and BURNS

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonstate service and for contributions for the purchase of credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 10, 2009.

**No. 819** By Representatives STERN, SIPTROTH, CAUSER, SWANGER, ROHRER, RAPP, KAUFFMAN, FLECK, GRELL, WATSON, BEYER, BAKER, SEIP, GROVE, MILLER, TRUE, MARSHALL, HESS, CUTLER, M. KELLER, FAIRCHILD, VULAKOVICH, CLYMER, MOUL, MILLARD, REED, PEIFER, PICKETT, PHILLIPS, SAYLOR, GINGRICH, LONGIETTI, STEVENSON, BARRAR, PETRARCA, HUTCHINSON, GEIST, BOYD, BEAR, PYLE, O'NEILL, HARRIS, BENNINGHOFF, REICHLEY, GOODMAN, MAJOR, HICKERNELL, CREIGHTON, GIBBONS and MURT

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing, in resource enhancement and protection tax credit, for resource enhancement and protection tax credit program and for annual tax credits.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 10, 2009.

**No. 820** By Representatives STERN, MILLARD, READSHAW, ROHRER, SWANGER, PALLONE, KILLION, TRUE, PICKETT, BAKER, MILLER, WATSON, BEYER, VULAKOVICH, HENNESSEY, QUINN, FLECK, REICHLEY, DENLINGER, SAYLOR, KULA, O'NEILL, GEIST, MARSHALL, PHILLIPS, ARGALL, PAYNE, HARHAI, CUTLER, PYLE, LONGIETTI, GINGRICH, BEAR, CAUSER, CLYMER, MOUL, YOUNGBLOOD, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, SIPTROTH, SEIP, K. SMITH, TALLMAN, ROAE, J. TAYLOR, BOYD, MILNE, ROCK, HESS, M. KELLER, McGEEHAN, RAPP, MURT, HARPER and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for use of historical writings, documents and records with religious references in public schools.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 10, 2009.

**No. 821** By Representatives BOBACK, MUNDY, HENNESSEY, BEAR, BEYER, CARROLL, CAUSER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, FRANKEL, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HELM, KAUFFMAN, W. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, MAJOR, MANN, MELIO, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, RAPP, ROHRER, ROSS, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, STERN, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act requiring certain long-term care facilities to coordinate with licensing agencies and local area agencies on aging to provide assistance to consumers in circumstances involving relocation of consumers; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Aging.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 822** By Representatives KIRKLAND, BRENNAN, PARKER, WHEATLEY, WATERS, BROWN, SIPTROTH, KORTZ, FAIRCHILD, JOSEPHS, BISHOP, YOUNGBLOOD, JOHNSON, J. TAYLOR, MELIO, MYERS, CREIGHTON and GIBBONS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, providing for criminal penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

**No. 823** By Representatives BAKER, PICKETT, SAYLOR, STERN, CAUSER, CREIGHTON, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HALUSKA, HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, STEVENSON, SWANGER and VULAKOVICH

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

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 10, 2009.

**No. 824** By Representatives BAKER, PICKETT, SAYLOR, BELFANTI, CREIGHTON, DONATUCCI, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PETRI, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors, for restriction of operating privileges and for suspension of operating privilege.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 10, 2009.

**No. 825** By Representatives BAKER, PICKETT, REICHLEY, BEYER, EVERETT, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GROVE, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MURT, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for electronic prescriptions and for duties of the Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 826** By Representatives BAKER, HENNESSEY, PICKETT, CLYMER, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COHEN, CREIGHTON, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GROVE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HESS, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MILLER, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, RAPP, READSHAW, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, J. TAYLOR, MOUL, ROCK, DALLY and WANSACZ

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1234, No.204), known as the Family Caregiver Support Act, further providing for reimbursements.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 827** By Representatives READSHAW, SOLOBAY, CUTLER, SIPTROTH, BAKER, CARROLL, DALEY, DALLY, GEIST, JOSEPHS, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, McGEEHAN, M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY and MILNE

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance, for authorized signatures on employability assessment forms, for medical assistance payments and for rules and regulations for personal care homes.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 828** By Representatives READSHAW, CUTLER, SIPTROTH, CARROLL, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MENSCH, MUNDY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, STABACK, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, prohibiting certain practices of discrimination because of genetic information.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 10, 2009.

**No. 829** By Representatives READSHAW, CUTLER, SIPTROTH, CARROLL, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MENSCH, MUNDY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, STABACK, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act prohibiting discrimination in insurance coverage on the basis of genetic information or a request for genetic services.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 10, 2009.

**No. 830** By Representatives JOHNSON, BROWN, BARRAR, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, DONATUCCI, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, MELIO, MURT, OLIVER, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, J. TAYLOR, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, QUINN, GIBBONS, HALUSKA, HOUGHTON, KOTIK, METZGAR, MUSTIO, PALLONE, SANTARSIERO, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, BEYER, COHEN, P. COSTA, EVERETT, GINGRICH, HARHAI, HUTCHINSON, KULA, MICOZZIE, MYERS, PARKER, SANTONI, STABACK, BRENNAN, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, HARPER, KIRKLAND, McGEEHAN, MURPHY, M. O'BRIEN, PETRARCA, SCAVELLO, SWANGER and SEIP

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled, as amended, "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," further providing that once eligibility for in-State tuition rates is established, rates shall continue until program completion.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 10, 2009.

**No. 831** By Representatives GODSHALL, BAKER, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DALLY, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HESS, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANN, MELIO, MILLARD, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH, J. TAYLOR, K. SMITH and SWANGER

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a Statewide gang information database.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

**No. 832** By Representatives GODSHALL, BOYD, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARPER, HENNESSEY, KORTZ, KOTIK, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MILLER, MURT, MYERS, PETRI, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SWANGER and J. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for State reimbursement for mobile classroom facilities; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 10, 2009.

**No. 833** By Representatives COX, CREIGHTON, FLECK, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, MURT, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Hazleton soil series as the official soil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 10, 2009.

**No. 834** By Representatives HUTCHINSON, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GEIST, GOODMAN, GROVE,

HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, KAUFFMAN, MAJOR, METCALFE, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, PYLE, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER and VULAKOVICH

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, further providing for findings and statement of purpose, for forests and for parks.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 10, 2009.

**No. 835** By Representatives BEAR, STURLA, THOMAS, BOYD, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SCAVELLO, STERN, SWANGER, TRUE, TURZAI and VULAKOVICH

An Act providing for the establishment, implementation and administration of a retiree welfare-to-work mentoring demonstration program for certain individuals; and imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Aging.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 10, 2009.

**No. 836** By Representatives GEORGE, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CONKLIN, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, HARHAI, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MELIO, MILNE, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act establishing a State Energy Office and providing for its powers and duties; and making related repeals.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 10, 2009.

**No. 837** By Representatives LONGIETTI, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CASORIO, CLYMER, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, GEORGE, GIBBONS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, LEVDANSKY, MANN, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 12, 2006 (P.L.67, No.22), known as the Merchant Marine World War II Veterans Bonus Act, further providing for definitions, for application for bonus, for United States Merchant Marine World War II Veterans' Bonus Fund and for expiration.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 10, 2009.

**No. 838** By Representatives LONGIETTI, EACHUS, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, COHEN, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GEORGE,

GIBBONS, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MUNDY, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, WALKO, WHEATLEY and YOUNGBLOOD

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 conditions subject to which policies are to be issued; and providing for health insurance coverage for certain children of insured parents.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 10, 2009.

**No. 839** By Representatives LONGIETTI, BELFANTI, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DONATUCCI, GALLOWAY, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HARKINS, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, STERN, STEVENSON, STURLA, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1291, No.292), known as the Medicare Supplement Insurance Act, providing for the return of premium funds under certain circumstances.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 10, 2009.

**No. 840** By Representative M. O'BRIEN

An Act prohibiting the use of polyvinyl chloride pipe for water and sewage transmission in certain buildings.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 10, 2009.

**No. 841** By Representatives COHEN, JOSEPHS, J. TAYLOR, CREIGHTON, STURLA, LEVDANSKY, CALTAGIRONE, BELFANTI, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, SIPTROTH, PAYTON, PARKER, PALLONE, McILVAINE SMITH, McGEEHAN, KOTIK, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, GERGELY, FRANKEL, BROWN, BRIGGS and BOYLE

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; and providing for the form of the agreement.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 10, 2009.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

**SB 124, PN 191**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

**SB 125, PN 98**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

**SB 126, PN 192**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

**SB 127, PN 100**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 10, 2009.

### CALENDAR

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 109, PN 913**, entitled:

An Act authorizing Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, to sell and convey certain Project 70 lands free of restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other land to be acquired by the township.

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

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 92, PN 84**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license costs and fees.

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?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Representative Staback.

Mr. STABACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 92 will simply add the actual cost of using the new point-of-sales licensing system of the Game Commission to the cost of a hunting license and related stamps. The fee is going to be 70 cents per transaction. The fee will go directly to the vendor. No part of it will go to the Pennsylvania Game Commission. It is a set fee that has been negotiated by the Game Commission, the Fish and Boat Commission, the vendor, and the Office of Administration and is said to be the lowest fee of its kind in the entire nation. This fee will remain the same for the next 3 or 4 years.

It has always been understood that when the point-of-sales license system was up and running, the transaction cost would then be borne by the license holder and no longer by the

Pennsylvania Game Commission. Last session similar language was passed into law dealing with license sales from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Mr. Speaker, there is no known organized opposition to this measure. In fact, the organizations that are supporting it are listed as follows: the NRA (National Rifle Association), the PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, the Armstrong County Sportsmen's Club, the Lehigh County Sportsmen's Club, the Pennsylvania Quality Deer Management organization, the United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania, the Governor's Council for Hunting, Fishing & Conservation, and the Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania. These are clubs, just to mention a few, Mr. Speaker.

On that note, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for an affirmative vote on the measure. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the prior speaker said there is no known opposition. I would like to rise to voice opposition, to make opposition known.

Mr. Speaker, I think the general public, as they watch what occurs in government and they see their money taken from them for one associated cost and tax and fee after another, they look on the government scene and they ask, do they not already take enough? Are they not already receiving enough money from me to take care of what they need to do, especially, Mr. Speaker, when we see that this fee is being proposed to upgrade the point-of-service sales and utilize technology to make things more streamlined and more efficient? You would think with increased efficiency would come a decrease in cost and not an increase in cost.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this fee can be absorbed within the current structure of our government, whether it is us dealing with the cost or out of the Game Commission, out of the Fish and Boat Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I think that as we watch our deficit build, as we watch the bailouts occurring at the Federal level, as we watch unemployment rates rise, as hunters are looking forward to hunting season and fishermen looking forward to fishing season this year, even looking at maybe supplementing a meal here or there because they potentially may lose their job or may not get a raise this year, then we see this cost being added to the cost of their licenses.

I know there are many groups that have organized. It states on my sheet that this is supported by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, but of course it would, and I know they have their lobbying abilities and their political leverage with many of those groups. But, Mr. Speaker, I think as the public looks on to what is occurring in this budget cycle and they look on to another additional fee that is being increased on their cost of living in Pennsylvania, that they are going to disagree with this vote, that they are going to be the opposition that the former speaker said was not known of right now.

I would hope that the members would pay attention to this fee increase, because in this economic decline, in this economic chaos that we are dealing with, I do not think the taxpayers are going to sit silent while we increase yet another fee on them just

because a few organizations have gotten together to agree to it. I do not think that the organization of taxpayers and hunters and fishermen at large out there are going to like the fact that another additional fee will be added to their cost this year to do what they have traditionally done in fishing and hunting in the State of Pennsylvania just so we can increase efficiency and use new technology. I think they would expect a decrease in their cost if we are going to have these points of service becoming more efficient.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to be that unknown voice of opposition, and hopefully there will be additional votes with me on this. And I hope that the taxpayers of Pennsylvania will send a very resounding, clear message after this vote today that they do not want to see this fee increase or any other tax increase this year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order. Conversations on the floor will please cease. Members will take their seats. The Sergeants at Arms will clear the aisles of the House. Conversations on the floor of the House will cease.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Armstrong County, Representative Pyle.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in deference and opposition to the prior speaker, with all due respect, my honored colleague from Butler County, to support this request for a point-of-sale increase of 70 cents for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. What many members are not aware of, Mr. Speaker, is that the Game Commission is a self-sustaining organization paid for from the fees and licenses of hunters. That so many groups would stand in support of this to propagate a point-of-sale system that has proven successful, that needs to be spread further so that law-abiding hunters and sportsmen can more easily obtain their hunting licenses, speaks to itself.

This is money well spent, and I would like to lend my support to this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Representative Dally.

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to waive off until the next speaker speaks, please. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. No problem.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Haluska.

Mr. HALUSKA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a culmination of about 8 years we have been trying to get the Game Commission to go to point of sale, and this is a pinnacle piece, this legislation, to absorb the costs of the transactions. So I would hope that everybody would agree that it has been a long journey to get to this point, and I think the sportsmen would definitely be in favor of being able to go in and swipe their driver's license, get their license and their tags, and be on their way.

So this is something that has taken about 8 years to get to this point, and I would hope we get an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin County, Representative Rock.

Mr. ROCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the bill's sponsor stand for a few questions?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ROCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what was the motivation for the Game Commission to originally move to this computerized system? I mean, I am assuming it was for convenience and to save time. Is that correct?

Mr. STABACK. In part, yes. That is correct; to save time and just to satisfy the Pennsylvania hunting community that was complaining from time to time about the length of time that it took to apply for a Pennsylvania hunting license by the old system when you had to sit and actually fill out applications.

Mr. ROCK. Okay. I agree with that. I have stood in those lines, and I know it could be very time-consuming.

Secondly, the Game Commission contracted with an outside agency. How long is that contract?

Mr. STABACK. The contract was initiated in the year 2006, and it is good for a 6-year period. At the end of that 6-year period, there is a 2-year option to renew followed by another 2-year option to renew, where the transaction fee will remain the same.

Mr. ROCK. Okay. And then is there new equipment required at the point of sale to implement this new system?

Mr. STABACK. I did not hear that. Say it again.

Mr. ROCK. Is there additional or new equipment needed to be bought at the point of sale by the vendor, and if so, who pays for that equipment?

Mr. STABACK. The equipment is already owned and purchased by the vendor. If there is any new equipment that has to be purchased, it will be purchased by that vendor, and all of the money that is generated from the transaction fee, as I said earlier, does not go to the Game Commission in any part. All of it goes directly to the vendor.

Mr. ROCK. So let me get that correct. So the fee increase goes to the contractor. The vendor is Wal-Mart or the sporting goods store, and then the contractor is something different. This money does not go to the Game Commission, which that is the part I do not like, but it does go to the contractor.

Mr. STABACK. I am having a lot of difficulty understanding you.

Mr. ROCK. Well, let us move on to the next question.

Have the terms of this—

Mr. STABACK. I am sorry; go ahead.

Mr. ROCK. Have the terms of the new contract already been written?

Mr. STABACK. Has the new contract already been—

Mr. ROCK. Have the terms of the new contract already been written?

Mr. STABACK. Yes.

Mr. ROCK. So the contract was written before we got approval from the State legislature?

Mr. STABACK. Yes. I said the contract was initiated back in the year 2006.

Mr. ROCK. So if we do not agree with this legislation then or if we do not vote it through, then who pays the bill?

Mr. STABACK. If this bill should go down, it will cost the Pennsylvania Game Commission in excess of over \$2 million a year.

Mr. ROCK. So in other words, we are put in the position where we are forced to vote for this or it is going to be a cost to the Game Commission.

Mr. STABACK. It will cost the Game Commission in excess of \$2 million a year. If we violate this contract that they are involved with, yes.

Mr. ROCK. That seems backwards to me, but I guess that is the way it is.

So what is the cost of the— The backtag is an additional 70 cents. Then what would an additional tag cost me?

Mr. STABACK. For every transaction it will cost 70 cents. So if you buy the backtag, it is going to cost 70 cents. If you buy an archery stamp, it will cost 70 cents. If you buy a doe tag, it will cost 70 cents. It will cost 70 cents for every stamp that you purchase.

Mr. ROCK. How many backtags could I possibly buy in total?

Mr. STABACK. Probably about five.

Mr. ROCK. I add it up as seven. Does that sound correct?

Mr. STABACK. It could be; it could be seven.

Mr. ROCK. So at today's prices, that will be 7 times 70. It will be \$4.90, or in the future when it raises to \$1, that would be a \$7 increase. Is that correct?

Mr. STABACK. We have a \$1 cap—

Mr. ROCK. I understand that.

Mr. STABACK. —in place. You understand that, do you not?

Mr. ROCK. Yes.

Mr. STABACK. But your math is right. If you buy all seven, it is going to cost you 70 cents times seven – \$4.90.

Mr. ROCK. I am getting to the end of my questions here.

I think everybody should contribute equally. So if I just go in and buy a backtag, I am going to contribute 70 cents to the new system. If I buy seven tags, I am going to pay \$4.90 to the new system.

Mr. STABACK. That is correct.

Mr. ROCK. Is that correct?

Mr. STABACK. That is correct.

Mr. ROCK. So is that fair that you would ask 70 cents out of one hunter and almost \$5 out of another hunter, or when the fee goes up to \$1, is it fair to ask \$1 from a hunter or \$7 from another hunter?

Mr. STABACK. It would depend on the number of tags that they decide to buy. If an individual is simply going to buy a backtag, then he is going to pay 70 cents for the backtag. If he chooses to buy additional stamps after that, he will pay 70 cents for each one that he purchases. Personally, I buy a backtag, I buy a doe tag, and I buy an archery license. That is what I personally purchase.

Mr. ROCK. Okay. Is there a plan in the future to go to a combination tag that would eliminate this whole situation?

Mr. STABACK. That could very well be a possibility. The Game Commission has talked in that area from time to time. So it is a possibility.

Mr. ROCK. Okay. That is all the questions I have. Mr. Speaker, may I speak on the bill?

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

Mr. ROCK. I just want to be clear that I am certainly in favor of the new system. I am not in favor of the way we are going about divvying out the cost to hunters. I think it is clear by the voting committee that this bill was not clear even to the fish and game committee. I think most, if not all, Republicans voted in favor of this bill, but then when it was discussed in caucus, we found out that it is not just a 70-cent backtag increase, but it is



an increase on every additional tag thereafter. So it is not 70 cents. It is actually closer to \$5, or when it moves to \$1 each, this could very well be a \$5 or \$6 or \$7 increase on the license fee.

And the timing for this could not be worse. Certainly, the economy is bad, but I believe in the next 12 months, the Game Commission is going to be coming to us asking for a license increase, which they now may well need. I think they are hurting for money. But the timing could not be worse for this, and the way we went about it, I just think was handled poorly.

So I think that it is clear that the average sportsman hunter out there would like to go to this automated system, and I agree with that, but they just do not understand that it is going to be an increase of not 70 cents but 70 times however many tags they buy, which could be 70 times 7, and I think that is where the problem is.

I know we have a lot of sportsmen's groups that say they support this, at least the heads of those sportsmen's groups support it, but the rank-and-file hunter I do not believe does. I had the opportunity over the last month to talk to many different hunters, and some of them did not know about this new system at all, but the ones that did said, oh, I am okay with the 70-cent increase on the backtag. But I said, it is more than that. It is a 70-cent increase on all tags, and then their opinion changes.

So I think the fair way and I think the most transparent way and open way to do this would have been to say that we are going to ask for an increase of \$3 or \$4 on the backtag and be done with it instead of trying to piecemeal it as a way of getting it out of committee and through the legislature.

So I guess I ought to just talk real briefly about what it is like to buy a tag now and what it is going to be like under the new system. Under the current system, I have actually with me my hunting license from 2 years ago, and this is what a backtag looks like, and I think most people want to move from this system. When I go up to the counter, I have to show my driver's license and the clerk has to handwrite in all these different blanks, which I think there are 15 or 16 different blanks, and I think we all would like to get away from that. But the new system and the one that we say we need 70 cents per tag, we are going to have a situation where we are going to go up and swipe our license, I believe, and all that information is electronically transferred onto our license, which I understand and I agree with. I do not really have a problem with that 70 cents, but when I buy an additional tag, all the person has to do at the counter is click the box with the mouse and you just bought your archery tag. And then when you want to buy a muzzle-loader tag, they just click the box with the mouse and so on and so forth for all seven tags. So all the work is done, and this new equipment is needed because of selling the backtag and not selling the other tags. So I think it is disingenuous to say that we are putting this on all tags when, really, we need it just for the backtag because that is why we needed new equipment.

So I believe that this was not done properly. I do not think it was done in an open and transparent way, and for all the reasons that I stated, I am going to be voting against this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman from Union County, Representative Fairchild.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the chairman stand for brief interrogation, please?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you.

I think there is some confusion here in the House, at least in some conversations over on our side. As I understand it, if a sportsman or sportswoman wanted to continue to purchase their tags the same way they have in the past, that they could continue to do so and would not be paying the 70 cents per transaction fee. Is that correct?

Mr. STABACK. That is not correct.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Well, I have read both the Republican analysis and the Democratic analysis, and they say it only applies to the new system. So if someone goes to their local sports shop the way they have always done, they are still going to be paying the fee?

Mr. STABACK. There will be no paper tags that will be issued by the Game Commission as of June 15 when they go full force with the point-of-sale system. Everything will be computerized. As a matter of fact, if you can see this from there, this will be about the size of a Pennsylvania hunting license. It will be about the size of a credit card, and everything will be issued by the automated licensing system.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Or through a computer system that a hunter can access from their home?

Mr. STABACK. Yes; that is correct.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Is one of the big savings, especially in our rural counties, where it does not take much money or 70 cents' worth of gas to drive someplace to pick up a tag or a number of tags if you are going to do it over a period of time? Is there any factor of that involved in any of the calculations?

Mr. STABACK. Not that I am aware of; no.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Is that going to save your hunters money in your district?

Mr. STABACK. I think it absolutely will; sure.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have no further questions.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Returning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentelady from Philadelphia, Representative MANDERINO. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

## CONSIDERATION OF HB 92 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Payne.

Mr. PAYNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the gentleman please rise for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will rise for interrogation. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PAYNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make clear on this one point. I have been an advocate for the 7 years that I have been here to eliminate the need to write your Social Security number on one of those 15 or 16 spots on that tablet that you have to fill out. Under this new system, do they not just scan your driver's license and your Social Security number is no longer visible or written on a tablet or anywhere in a gun shop?

Mr. STABACK. That is correct.

Mr. PAYNE. All right. So from an identity theft issue, is this not a better system for those that are concerned about their Social Security numbers being released?

Mr. STABACK. Absolutely. The only people that would have access to your number would be the Game Commission itself; no one else.

Mr. PAYNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. STABACK. Let me further add, that following year when you come back to purchase your new hunting license, you do not even have to identify yourself by name. But when you purchase the license the first time, you are going to be issued a PIN number, a personal identification number. So when you come back to purchase the following year, you do not have to identify yourself by name. Just give them your PIN number. They will insert that, and all your personal information will come up on the screen.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, is it not also true that I could purchase this through the Internet, online? I would not have to drive 20 miles to get to a gun shop or a place where my license is sold?

Mr. STABACK. That is correct.

Mr. PAYNE. So it is a convenience, it is a cost savings, and it is also a security issue that your Social Security number is not exposed?

Mr. STABACK. That is correct.

Mr. PAYNE. Thank you.

That completes my interrogation, Mr. Speaker. On the bill.

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

Mr. PAYNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to stand in support of this.

I have received absolutely no comments from the sportsmen and the hunting groups who are opposed to this. Just on the basis of being a convenience, that you can actually buy your license now from your home, not going to the store, number one; number two, the ability to come in for repeat licenses using a PIN number; and then, of course, the third but most important to me is, canceling the use of the Social Security number lying around in all these gun shops and everywhere on carbon-copied papers is a huge improvement for the identity theft.

So I will be supporting the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Gergely.

Mr. GERGELY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the point-of-sale system for a lot of valid commonsense reasons, not the minuscule arguments over small fees but legitimate arguments over why we want to implement a system that makes sense.

The reason why all of these sporting communities and clubs and organizations have backed this bill is very simplistic. We, the legislature, have involved ourselves for years in issues like deer management and how we have to set seasons, et cetera, but we have never had the proper ability to understand harvest data numbers, demographic participation, why we have lost hunters. To not give us the opportunity to capture that data, use that technology, and bring it forward and have a real conversation with the Game Commission on how to keep hunters in this State active, how to effectively manage deer in certain units and certain places is a very small price to pay, 70 cents. We are lying to ourselves if we think otherwise.

This is a great bill. This makes sense, and for us as sportsmen, the right vote is "yes," because we need to have that to continue this conversation and to understand, as we look out into the future, how to better manage our outdoor communities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman from Adams County, Representative Tallman.

Mr. TALLMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am a longtime NRA member, I am a longtime hunter since age 12, and I would like to just bring up a few things. The Social Security number is not secure. The second thing is, it is a cost increase to the users. The third thing is that this bill does not address the— Anyway, the concept is correct. There are some issues with implementation.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Mr. TALLMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move to table the bill.

The SPEAKER. The motion is in order. The gentleman, Representative Tallman, moves that HB 92, PN 84, be tabled.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, on the question of tabling, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to oppose the motion to table HB 92 as illuminated by the gentleman from Lackawanna and furthered by members on both sides of the aisle. It is an important stroke forward. I would ask the members to oppose the motion.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—38**

Baker	Ellis	Metcalfe	Rock
Barrar	Gabig	Millard	Rohrer
Beyer	Gabler	O'Brien, D.	Saylor
Boback	Gillespie	O'Neill	Schroder
Brooks	Godshall	Rapp	Smith, S.
Causer	Grove	Reed	Stern
Civera	Helm	Reese	Tallman
Cox	Hutchinson	Reichley	Turzai
Creighton	Krieger	Roae	Watson
Day	Marsico		

**NAYS—154**

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kotik	Pyle
Argall	Evans, J.	Kula	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Readshaw
Bear	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Fairchild	Maher	Ross
Bishop	Farry	Mahoney	Sabatina
Boyd	Fleck	Major	Sainato
Boyle	Frankel	Mann	Samuelson
Bradford	Freeman	Markosek	Santarsiero

Brennan	Galloway	Marshall	Santoni
Briggs	Geist	Matzie	Scavello
Brown	George	McGeehan	Seip
Burns	Gerber	McI. Smith	Shapiro
Buxton	Gergely	Melio	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Gibbons	Mensch	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Metzgar	Smith, M.
Casorio	Goodman	Micozzie	Solobay
Christiana	Grell	Miller	Sonney
Clymer	Grucela	Milne	Staback
Cohen	Haluska	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hanna	Mundy	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harhai	Murphy	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harhart	Murt	Taylor, J.
Cruz	Harkins	Mustio	Thomas
Curry	Harper	Myers	True
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Vereb
Daley	Hess	Oberlander	Vitali
Dally	Hickernell	Oliver	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hornaman	Pallone	Wagner
Delozier	Houghton	Parker	Walko
DeLuca	Johnson	Pashinski	Wansacz
Denlinger	Josephs	Payne	Waters
DePasquale	Kauffman	Payton	Wheatley
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Williams
DeWeese	Keller, W.	Perzel	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kessler	Petri	Yudichak
Donatucci	Killion	Phillips	
Drucker	Kirkland	Pickett	McCall,
Eachus	Kortz	Preston	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Representative Dally.

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support HB 92, and I concur with the gentleman's remarks from the county of Dauphin in terms of why this is important to pass this afternoon.

As the members of the House will recall, we passed similar legislation to allow the Fish and Boat Commission to apply this fee to fishing licenses during the last session, and the 70-cent fee per transaction is the lowest in the country among States using the new computerized system.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Will the House come to order. Will members please take their seats. Conversations will please cease on the floor. Will members please take their seats.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dally.

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As was mentioned by previous speakers, this point-of-sale fee has many benefits to sportsmen: the added convenience where you can only swipe your driver's license instead of filling out the old application; as was mentioned earlier, the need to give your Social Security number only one time, after which the

system assigns a customer service number that the sportsman then uses for life; the new style and wallet-sized shape similar to the new fishing license with all related tags and permits folded under an accordion style, eliminating the need for the backtag; and probably most important, Mr. Speaker, the compilation of information through the computer system will allow the commission better and faster access to hunter and trapper information to allow better hunter surveys on participation and satisfaction, modernize the harvest reporting method, and create marketing programs to retain hunters, something that we desperately have to do, and help bring back those who have purchased a license in the past but have not in the last few years.

As I stated, Mr. Speaker, this is a fee that was similar to what was passed last session for fishing licenses. There have been remarks about not passing this and allowing the Game Commission to absorb the fee that would cost \$2 million per year. We are looking at a potential license fee increase as it is. This would just be layered on top of what will be requested at that point in time, and this is a convenience fee that the sportsmen will appreciate in order to have the ease of convenience in getting their licenses in this fashion.

So I urge the members of the House to support HB 92. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Representative Kortz, on the question.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HB 92.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a hunter for over 35 years, and looking at this legislation, it makes a lot of good common sense to put this into law. The advantages greatly outweigh the 70-cent surcharge.

I would like to remind the members that last session we did pass similar legislation. It was HB 1109, which passed this House 183 to 15, to do the exact same thing for the Fish Commission. So I do not understand why it is okay for us to do this for a fishing license but we cannot do it for a hunting license. It makes no sense.

So I would urge all the members, please vote in the affirmative because it is the right thing to do. We need to move into the 21st century. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman for the second time, the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what we are hearing and seeing here today is business as usual in Harrisburg. Mr. Speaker, what we are observing is politicians falling all over themselves, cannot get to the mike fast enough to make excuses for a bad vote, for a vote that is going to increase cost, Mr. Speaker, increase cost, Mr. Speaker, on Pennsylvania citizens in the midst of an economic tsunami, huge budget deficits, waves of budget deficits across the nation, thousands of Pennsylvanians losing their jobs, and the former speaker cannot understand why an increase passed easier last year than this year.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think there are a few members, a few more than last year, that do not have a case of Blagojevich, of reality disconnect, with the population.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of this Commonwealth think the government takes too much already. The language in this amendment is very straightforward. It does not contain any of

the benefits being advocated by previous speakers. The only benefit it creates is a benefit for government to take more money out of the pockets of the citizenry.

This amendment language is a very short amendment that specifically deals with a transaction fee, not specifically with not allowing point of service to move forward. It does not allow Social Security numbers to be affected because we are going to be charging people more for point of service. Point of service will deliver the benefit without the additional charge. We take enough already.

If you think that we take enough money from the taxpayers already, then stand with those of us that are going to vote "no." If you want to stand with special interests, if you want to have a case of Blagojevich, go ahead and vote "yes."

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—158

Adolph	Drucker	Kotik	Roebuck
Argall	Eachus	Kula	Rohrer
Barbin	Ellis	Levdansky	Ross
Bear	Evans, D.	Longiotti	Sabatina
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Mahoney	Sainato
Beyer	Everett	Major	Samuelson
Bishop	Fabrizio	Mann	Santarsiero
Boback	Fairchild	Markosek	Santoni
Boyd	Fleck	Marshall	Saylor
Boyle	Frankel	Matzie	Scavello
Bradford	Freeman	McGeehan	Schroder
Brennan	Galloway	McI. Smith	Seip
Briggs	Geist	Melio	Shapiro
Brown	George	Mensch	Siptroth
Burns	Gerber	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Buxton	Gergely	Millard	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Gibbons	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Carroll	Gingrich	Mundy	Solobay
Casorio	Godshall	Murphy	Sonney
Christiana	Goodman	Murt	Staback
Civera	Grell	Myers	Stern
Clymer	Grucela	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cohen	Haluska	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Conklin	Hanna	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Costa, D.	Harhai	Oliver	Thomas
Costa, P.	Harkins	Pallone	Vereb
Cruz	Harper	Parker	Vitali
Curry	Harris	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Cutler	Helm	Payne	Wagner
Daley	Hess	Payton	Walko
Dally	Hickernell	Peifer	Wansacz
Deasy	Hornaman	Perzel	Waters
DeLozier	Houghton	Petri	Watson
DeLuca	Johnson	Phillips	Wheatley
Denlinger	Josephs	Pickett	Williams
DePasquale	Keller, M.K.	Preston	Youngblood
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pyle	Yudichak
DeWeese	Kessler	Quinn	
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw	McCall,
Donatucci	Kortz	Reichley	Speaker

NAYS—34

Baker	Gabler	Marsico	Reed
Barrar	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Reese
Brooks	Grove	Metzgar	Roae
Causar	Harhart	Miller	Rock

Cox	Hutchinson	Milne	Stevenson
Creighton	Kauffman	Mustio	Tallman
Day	Killion	O'Neill	True
Farry	Krieger	Rapp	Turzai
Gabig	Maher		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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 263, PN 268**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 28, 1978 (P.L.87, No.41), known as the Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail Act, further providing for the content of zoning ordinances; and extending the time period necessary to implement certain provisions.

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?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Representative Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just for the information of the members, last session we passed legislation amending the Appalachian protection act of 1978 to call upon those municipalities through which the trail passes to enact zoning ordinances in order to protect the trail. That legislation passed overwhelmingly in both chambers of the Assembly. It became Act 24 of 2008.

This legislation that we have before us today, HB 263, merely clears up an ambiguity that occurred with some of the language that was inserted by the Senate last time. So it is a minor technical change.

The real intent and the real purpose of this legislation is to grant those nine municipalities – and it is only nine municipalities that are affected who do not currently have zoning ordinances – to grant those nine municipalities an extension of time in which to comply with the requirement to enact zoning ordinances to protect the trail. DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) is working with these communities. They have made progress, but a number of the communities need a little more time. So this legislation

would extend that time by a year. So instead of having to comply with the enactment of zoning ordinances by August of this year, they will be granted time for an additional year.

I would urge the members to support the legislation to give those communities the time they need. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	George	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grell	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Grove	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Haluska	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Hanna	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harhai	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Harris	Oliver	True
Cruz	Helm	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hess	Parker	Verab
Cutler	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
Dally	Houghton	Payton	Wagner
Day	Hutchinson	Peifer	Walko
Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Wansacz
Delozier	Josephs	Petri	Waters
DeLuca	Kauffman	Phillips	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston	Williams
Dermody	Kessler	Pyle	Youngblood
DeWeese	Killion	Quinn	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Rapp	
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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 270, PN 914**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

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—187

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reichley
Argall	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Roae
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Rock
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Roebuck
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rohrer
Bear	Farry	Major	Ross
Benninghoff	Fleck	Mann	Sabatina
Beyer	Frankel	Markosek	Sainato
Bishop	Freeman	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gabig	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	George	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grell	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Grove	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Haluska	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Hanna	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harhai	O'Brien, D.	Swanger

Costa, D.	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	Oliver	Thomas
Cruz	Harris	Pallone	True
Curry	Helm	Parker	Turzai
Cutler	Hess	Pashinski	Vereb
Daley	Hickernell	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hornaman	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Houghton	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Petri	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Phillips	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Pyle	Williams
DeWeese	Killion	Quinn	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Rapp	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Reese	Speaker
Ellis			

NAYS-5

Boyd	Hutchinson	Metcalf	Oberlander
Creighton			

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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.

**HB 92 RECONSIDERED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a reconsideration motion filed by the gentleman, Mr. Ellis, and the gentleman, Mr. Sam Smith, who move that the vote by which HB 92, PN 84, was passed on the 11th day of March be reconsidered.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-186

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reichley
Argall	Evans, D.	Longietti	Roae
Baker	Evans, J.	Maher	Rock
Barbin	Everett	Mahoney	Roebuck
Barrar	Fabrizio	Major	Rohrer
Bear	Fairchild	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Farry	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Fleck	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Frankel	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Freeman	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabig	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Gabler	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Galloway	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	Geist	Mensch	Schroder

Brooks	George	Metcalf	Seip
Brown	Gerber	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Godshall	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Goodman	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grell	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Grove	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Grucela	Murt	Staback
Civera	Haluska	Mustio	Stern
Clymer	Hanna	Myers	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhai	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Conklin	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harkins	O'Neill	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harper	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harris	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Helm	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hess	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Hornaman	Payne	Vitali
Daley	Houghton	Payton	Vulakovich
Dally	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wagner
Day	Johnson	Perzel	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Petri	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Phillips	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Preston	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Pyle	Williams
Dermody	Killion	Quinn	Youngblood
DeWeese	Kirkland	Rapp	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kortz	Readshaw	
Donatucci	Kotik	Reed	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Reese	Speaker

NAYS-6

Bishop	Gergely	Levdansky	Murphy
Drucker	Gibbons		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-156

Adolph	Donatucci	Kotik	Roebuck
Argall	Drucker	Kula	Rohrer
Baker	Eachus	Levdansky	Ross
Barbin	Evans, D.	Longietti	Sabatina
Bear	Evans, J.	Mahoney	Sainato
Benninghoff	Everett	Major	Samuelson
Beyer	Fabrizio	Mann	Santarsiero
Bishop	Fairchild	Markosek	Santoni
Boback	Fleck	Marshall	Saylor
Boyd	Frankel	Matzie	Scavello
Boyle	Freeman	McGeehan	Schroder
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Seip

Brennan	Geist	Melio	Shapiro
Briggs	George	Mensch	Siptroth
Brown	Gerber	Millard	Smith, K.
Burns	Gergely	Miller	Smith, M.
Buxton	Gibbons	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Mundy	Solobay
Carroll	Godshall	Murphy	Sonney
Casorio	Goodman	Murt	Staback
Christiana	Grell	Myers	Stern
Civera	Grucela	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Clymer	Haluska	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Cohen	Hanna	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Conklin	Harhai	Pallone	Thomas
Costa, D.	Harkins	Parker	Vereb
Costa, P.	Harper	Pashinski	Vitali
Cruz	Harris	Payne	Vulakovich
Curry	Helm	Payton	Wagner
Cutler	Hess	Peifer	Walko
Daley	Hickernell	Perzel	Wansacz
Dally	Hornaman	Petri	Waters
Deasy	Houghton	Phillips	Wheatley
Delozier	Johnson	Pickett	Williams
DeLuca	Josephs	Preston	Youngblood
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Yudichak
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Quinn	
Dermody	Kessler	Readshaw	McCall,
DeWeese	Kirkland	Reichley	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Kortz		

NAYS—36

Barrar	Gabler	Marsico	Reed
Brooks	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Reese
Causar	Grove	Metzgar	Roae
Cox	Harhart	Micozzie	Rock
Creighton	Hutchinson	Milne	Stevenson
Day	Kauffman	Mustio	Tallman
Ellis	Killion	O'Neill	True
Farry	Krieger	Oberlander	Turzai
Gabig	Maher	Rapp	Watson

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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**

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 85, PN 77**, entitled:

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

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

Mr. **DeLUCA** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00301**:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 10 through 23, by striking out all of said lines and inserting  
"Routine care costs." Physician fees, laboratory expenses and expenses associated with the hospitalization, administering of treatment and evaluation of the patient during the course of treatment which are consistent with usual and customary patterns and standards of care incurred whenever an enrollee, subscriber or insured receives medical care associated with an approved cancer clinical trial and which would be covered if such items and services were provided other than in connection with an approved cancer clinical trial.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "covered patient" and inserting  
routine care  
Amend Bill, page 6, lines 12 through 17, by striking out all of said lines

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Representative DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment deletes "patient cost" and replaces it with "routine care costs." Essentially, the definition has the same meaning but makes it consistent with the Federal language in other States. It also deletes the section for the trade associations. This can be done anyway, but it does not add anything to the bill.

So both of them are mostly technical amendments, Mr. Speaker, and I ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	George	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
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Christiana	Grove	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murt	Stern
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Conklin	Harhai	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
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Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Harris	Oliver	True
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Curry	Hess	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
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Day	Hutchinson	Peifer	Walko
Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLozier	Josephs	Petri	Waters
DeLuca	Kauffman	Phillips	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston	Williams
Dermody	Kessler	Pyle	Youngblood
DeWeese	Killion	Quinn	Yudichak
DiGirolo	Kirkland	Rapp	
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 115, PN 394**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for an exception to the interlocking business prohibition; further exempting certain hotels from certain requirements; and further providing for responsible alcohol management.

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

Mr. **M. O'BRIEN** offered the following amendment No. **A00286**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after "laws," further providing for definitions;

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 26

Section 1. The definition of "public venue" in section 102 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code,

reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14) and amended July 16, 2007 (P.L.107, No.34), is amended to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words or phrases, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

\* \* \*

"Public venue" shall mean a stadium, arena, convention center, museum, amphitheater or similar structure. If the public venue is a cruise terminal owned or leased by a port authority created under the act of June 12, 1931 (P.L.575, No.200), entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," it shall have no permanent seating requirement. If the public venue is an open-air amphitheater owned by a port authority created under the act of December 6, 1972 (P.L.1392, No.298), known as the "Third Class City Port Authority Act," it shall have no permanent seating requirement. If the public venue is owned by a political subdivision, a municipal authority, the Commonwealth, an authority created under the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.1034, No.270), known as the "Public Auditorium Authorities Law," an authority created under Article XXV-A of the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," an art museum established under the authority of the act of April 6, 1791 (3 Sm.L.20, No.1536), entitled "An act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this commonwealth the powers and immunities of corporations, or bodies politic in law," or an authority created under Article XXIII (n) or (o) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as "The County Code," it shall have permanent seating for at least one thousand (1,000) people; otherwise, it shall have permanent seating for at least two thousand (2,000) people. The term shall also mean any regional history center, multipurpose cultural and science facility, museum or convention or trade show center, regardless of owner and seating capacity, that has a floor area of at least sixty thousand (60,000) square feet in one building. The term shall also mean a convention or conference center owned by a city of the third class or a university which is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education which is operated by a university foundation or alumni association, regardless of seating capacity, that has a floor area of at least fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet in one building. The term shall also mean a visitor center, regardless of floor area or seating capacity, that was established under the authority of the Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-131, 113 Stat. 1678; 16 USCA § 407m).

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out "1" and inserting 1.1

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Mike O'Brien.

Mr. M. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to withdraw that amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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



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

Is he withdrawing that amendment? My understanding is he is withdrawing that amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 282, PN 302**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of neglect of care-dependent person.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair's understanding is that the gentleman from York, Representative Gillespie, has withdrawn his amendment. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 295, PN 318**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exception for adopted children; providing for sibling visitation; and making an editorial change.

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

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. GOODMAN called up **HR 84, PN 421**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the American Cancer Society for its commitment to research and public service and designating the week of March 16 through 22, 2009, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—192**

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	George	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Grell	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Grove	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Haluska	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Hanna	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harhai	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Harris	Oliver	True
Cruz	Helm	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hess	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
Dally	Houghton	Payton	Wagner
Day	Hutchinson	Peifer	Walko
Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLozier	Josephs	Petri	Waters
DeLuca	Kauffman	Phillips	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston	Williams
Dermody	Kessler	Pyle	Youngblood
DeWeese	Killion	Quinn	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Rapp	
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger		

**NAYS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—11**

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

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Mr. DeWEESE called up **HR 98, PN 630**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring coal miners.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	George	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grell	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Grove	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Grucela	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Haluska	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Hanna	Myers	Sturla
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Costa, D.	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harkins	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harper	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Harris	Oliver	True
Cruz	Helm	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hess	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
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Day	Hutchinson	Peifer	Walko
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Delozier	Josephs	Petri	Waters
DeLuca	Kauffman	Phillips	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston	Williams
Dermody	Kessler	Pyle	Youngblood
DeWeese	Killion	Quinn	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Rapp	
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 124, PN 879**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 30 through April 3, 2009, as "Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Ellis	Kula	Reese
Argall	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Everett	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Farry	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Fleck	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gabler	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Scavello
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DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Rapp	
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	Speaker
Eachus	Krieger		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 135, PN 922**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 11, 2009, as "Registered Dietitian Day" in Pennsylvania and expressing appreciation for the contributions to good health made by registered dietitians.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Representative Siptroth.

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for preparing the resolution in a very expeditious manner.

Today is Registered Dietitian Day across the country. The American Dietetic Association sponsors National Dietitian Day. Its mission is to promote optimal nutrition and well-being for all people by advocating for its members. With more than 67,000 members, the American Dietetic Association is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The majority of the ADA's members are registered dietitians and dietetic technicians.

The first Registered Dietitian Day was celebrated on March 10, 2008. Today, March 11, is designated "Registered Dietitian Day" in 2009. Registered dietitians are the food and nutrition experts who can translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living, and registered dietitians have degrees in nutrition, dietetics, public health, or a related field from well-respected, accredited colleges and universities and also completed an internship and passed an examination. They use their nutrition experience to help individuals make unique, positive lifestyle changes and work throughout the community in hospitals, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, food management, food industry, universities, and also in research and private practices.

I certainly hope that you will support HR 135. 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:

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Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. BOYLE called up **HR 7, PN 415**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the support of the Congress of the United States for the State of Israel in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in the Gaza Strip.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Representative Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the gentleman rise for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, before I ask my question, which I do have a question, I want to paraphrase with this comment.

President Barack Obama has strong relationships within the international community, without doubt. However, it can also be said that not all those friends within the international community are friends of Israel.

Now, we know the Bush administration was a solid supporter of Israel. My question: Where do you think the Obama administration is on this issue, the issue in support of Israel?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

Will the House come to order? The House will come to order. Members will please take their seats.

Mr. BOYLE. Well, I am not sure—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield. The gentleman will yield. The gentleman will yield.

The House will come to order.

Mr. BOYLE. President Obama does not necessarily take my phone calls, so I am not quite sure exactly where he would be on this. But I think I can trust that this administration, just as previous administrations, both Democratic and Republican, would be in favor of this bill, this resolution.

Mr. CLYMER. Okay.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized for interrogation.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The reason I had posed that question is simply because when this resolution passes, the resolution will go to the leaders of the Federal Congress and to each of the Pennsylvania Congressmen. I think that we are making a policy here that is going to impact on an international event, and therefore, as we are going to make an influence on Federal leaders, that we should know where the Obama administration is as well.

So if the gentleman is telling us that he and his administration are a friend of Israel, that is fine with me, and I thank the gentleman for his response.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 7 simply and plainly urges Congress to lend Israel our nation's full support as its citizens continue to endure terrorist attacks from Hamas.

Since 2001, Hamas has launched more than 10,000 rockets and mortars from Gaza into Israel, intentionally targeting innocent civilians. More than 3,200 rockets and mortars have been fired by Hamas in 2008 alone.

Every nation has the right to defend itself. If the United States were the victim of consistent and repeated terrorist attacks, there is no doubt that we would respond and make an

effort to stop those who are launching such terrorist attacks. Israel has both the right and the responsibility to protect its citizens from terrorism.

Now, some may ask, why is this resolution necessary since the cease-fire has been in effect since late January? That is an important question, but the fact is, while Israel has honored the cease-fire, removing her soldiers from Gaza, Hamas has received more advanced weaponry from Iran and has launched more than 110 rocket attacks from Gaza into Israel. Israeli citizens continue to suffer from these acts of terror, even during this so-called cease-fire.

Mr. Speaker, since 1948, the United States has played a special role in ensuring the creation and the survival of the State of Israel. Along with 40 cosponsors, both Democrats and Republicans, I ask that we as a body urge Congress to do what is necessary and what is right and to give Israel our full support.

I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Rohrer
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Boback	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabig	Matzie	Santarsiero
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Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Siproth
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, M.
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Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Manderino	Perry	Taylor, R.
Hennessey	Miccarelli	Petrarca	White
Lentz	Moul	Quigley	

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

### **BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 422, PN 466** By Rep. DERMODY

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for powers of authority.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

**HB 687, PN 760** By Rep. DERMODY

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in guaranteed energy savings contracts, further providing for definitions, for contracting procedures and for contract provisions.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

### **BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar: HB 299 and HB 416.

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

### **BILLS RECOMMENDED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations: HB 299 and HB 416.

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

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Any further business to come before the House? Any announcements?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Levdansky, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the exclusion of today's session, there is going to be a meeting of the House Finance Committee in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider HR 127. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Finance will meet in room G-50 of the Irvis Building at the recess.

### **STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia, Representative Josephs, for the purpose of an announcement.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House State Government Committee will meet immediately after we break in room 60 East Wing – House State Government Committee, room 60, East Wing, in minutes.

I am hoping this is a short meeting.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

State Government will meet at the break in room 60, East Wing.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Representative Freeman, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to remind the members of the House Local Government Committee that tomorrow we will be holding a joint hearing with the members of the Senate Local Government Committee. That meeting will be held in room 8E of the East Wing to hear testimony from the various representatives of the various local government associations and the State Planning Board.

I urge the members of the House Local Government Committee to attend. The meeting starts at 9:30 Thursday morning. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Local Government will meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 in room 8E of the East Wing.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Melio, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to remind the members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, there will be a joint meeting between the House and the Senate, hearing room 1, in the North Office Building.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet in hearing room 1 of the North Office Building.

There will be no more votes for the day.

### 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.

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

**HB 240, PN 250** By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act providing for sexual violence awareness education programs for new students matriculating to institutions of higher education or private licensed schools that receive public funding and for duties of the Department of Education.

EDUCATION.

**HB 254, PN 950** (Amended) By Rep. MELIO

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

**HB 300, PN 952** (Amended) By Rep. JOSEPHS

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation; defining "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression"; and further providing for unlawful discriminatory practices, for powers and duties of commission, for education program and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 348, PN 379** By Rep. JOSEPHS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Waymart Area Historical Society, or its assigns, certain land, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of Canaan, Wayne County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 468, PN 951** (Amended) By Rep. MELIO

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating emergency medical services systems; providing for licensure; conferring powers

and duties on the Department of Health; further defining "emergency vehicle"; providing for penalties; providing for Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund distributions; and making a related repeal.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

**HB 476, PN 528** By Rep. JOSEPHS

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in registration district administration, further providing for local registrars' duties; in death and fetal death registrations, further providing for certificates to be filed and for permits concerning dead bodies and fetal remains; and, in records, further providing for reports to county registration commissions.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 520, PN 572** 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 sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings; providing for State reimbursement for mobile classroom facilities; and making editorial changes.

EDUCATION.

**HB 718, PN 797** By Rep. MELIO

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), known as the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act, further providing for the Wireless E-911 Emergency Services Fund.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

### RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

**HR 35, PN 163** By Rep. ROEBUCK

A Resolution memorializing the Department of Education to create stimulating ways to implement geography education in our public schools.

EDUCATION.

**HR 91, PN 513** By Rep. ROEBUCK

A Resolution urging the institutions in higher education that receive State funding to recognize American Sign Language coursework for foreign language credit.

EDUCATION.

**HR 127, PN 880** By Rep. LEVDANSKY

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to determine the impact of Pennsylvania's tax credit programs on the Commonwealth's economy, job market and State and local tax revenues.

FINANCE.

The SPEAKER. Those resolutions will go to the calendar.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of the following communications, which the clerk will read.

The following communications were read:

A communication dated February 18, 2009, from the Acting Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, providing a copy of the department's Industrial Land Recycling Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

A communication dated February 23, 2009, from the Acting Secretary of the Department of Revenue, providing a copy of the department's report of employment, production, expenditures, and tax credits authorized under section 2010 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

A communication dated February 27, 2009, from the Commissioner of the Insurance Department, providing a copy of the department's report on the Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan submitted pursuant to Act 10 of Special Session No. 2 of 1996.

A communication dated March 2, 2009, from the Commissioner of the Insurance Department, providing a copy of the department's 2008 annual report regarding the adultBasic program.

A communication dated March 2, 2009, from the Commissioner of the Insurance Department, providing a copy of the department's Children's Health Insurance Program 2008 Annual Report.

A communication dated February 12, 2009, from the Department of Community and Economic Development, providing a copy of the department's Amended Annual Financing Strategy Report.

A communication dated February 10, 2009, from the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare, providing a copy of the department's annual report on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

A communication dated February 12, 2009, from the Secretary of the Department of Education, providing a copy of the department's Education Empowerment Annual Report for 2007-2008.

(Copies of communications are on file with the Journal clerk.)

**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

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

HB 300;  
HB 348;  
HB 476;  
HB 240;  
HB 520;  
HB 254;  
HB 468; and  
HB 718.

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 Appropriations Committee:

HB 300;  
HB 348;  
HB 476;  
HB 240;  
HB 520;  
HB 254;  
HB 468; and  
HB 718.

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

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Dom Costa from Allegheny County, who moves that this House do now recess and reconvene on Monday, March 16, 2009, 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 2:36 p.m., e.d.t., the House recessed.