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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

#### PRAYER

HON. TOM C. CREIGHTON, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us bow for prayer:

Give thanks to the Lord as we call upon His name. Sing songs of praise as we talk of His creation. Rejoice as we seek His marvelous strength. The heavens declare Your glory, O God. The earth reveals Your handiwork.

We thank You today for our Founding Fathers who, guided by Your wisdom, gave us this great Commonwealth. We pray that Your will be done and You will lift up leaders with integrity and wisdom in these stressful times. Be with us and help us not to be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and supplication and thanksgiving, present our request to You, O Lord. Give us a steady spirit and peace of mind and the wisdom to accomplish the duties that are set before us in this chamber today.

We offer gratitude that You have a purpose for each of us, and that purpose is to serve You and to serve the people of Pennsylvania. You are in control, and Yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

Members, please report to the floor.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative DeWeese, who requests the following leaves: the gentleman, Representative

CRUZ, from Philadelphia for the day; Representative WAGNER from Allegheny for the day; Representative SAMUELSON from Northampton for the day; Representative Matt SMITH from Allegheny for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests leave for the following individuals: Representative FARRY from Bucks for the day, Representative PETRI from Bucks for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

#### 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—191

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

Delozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kortz	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Krieger	Quinn	
Eachus	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Levdansky	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.			

## ADDITIONS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Petri	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli	Samuelson	

## LEAVES ADDED—1

Schroder

## LEAVES CANCELED—3

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

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 385** By Representatives CHRISTIANA, BOYD, CAUSER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, DENLINGER, FLECK, GRELL, GROVE, HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, MARSHALL, MENSCH, MOUL, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TURZAI, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restricted activities and for prohibited activities.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 18, 2009.

**No. 971** By Representatives GOODMAN, GODSHALL, BELFANTI, HALUSKA, KORTZ, MAHONEY, McILVAINE SMITH, READSHAW, REICHLEY and SIPTROTH

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission and for meetings of commission.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 18, 2009.

**No. 972** By Representatives GOODMAN, BELFANTI, BOYD, DeLUCA, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, HELM,

HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MILLER, MOUL, SIPTROTH, STABACK and WHEATLEY

An Act amending the act of February 17, 1994 (P.L.73, No.7), known as the Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Act, further providing for owner's payment obligations and for contractor's and subcontractor's payment obligations.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 18, 2009.

**No. 973** By Representatives ADOLPH, BARRAR, BEYER, MICOZZIE, BELFANTI, BOYD, BRENNAN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, DALEY, DENLINGER, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, MARSICO, MELIO, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PHILLIPS, PYLE, QUINN, READSHAW, ROCK, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WHEATLEY and MAJOR

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 974** By Representatives ADOLPH, BARRAR, KILLION, BAKER, BOYD, BRENNAN, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, HALUSKA, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MARSICO, MELIO, MILLER, MOUL, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PEIFER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, STERN, STEVENSON, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WHEATLEY and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, defining "personal identification number"; and further providing for personal income tax filing.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 975** By Representatives ADOLPH, KILLION, MUSTIO, BOYD, BRENNAN, DENLINGER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHAI, HARHART, KULA, LONGIETTI, MILLER, MOUL, PAYNE, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WATSON and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, providing for continuing professional competency and education requirements; and further providing for practice by firms and corporations.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 976** By Representatives ADOLPH, MICOZZIE, BARRAR, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOYD, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS,

HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MANN, MARSICO, MILLER, MOUL, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PEIFER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STEVENSON, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON, WHEATLEY, YUDICHAK and MAJOR

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in inheritance tax, further providing for returns.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 977** By Representatives MAJOR, MILLARD, BAKER, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, EVERETT, FLECK, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MILLER, MUNDY, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STERN, SWANGER, TRUE, WANSACZ and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.825, No.359), known as the Oil and Gas Conservation Law, further providing for definitions and for applicability, exclusions and construction.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 18, 2009.

**No. 978** By Representatives EACHUS, DeWEESE, PALLONE, GEORGE, DALEY, D. O'BRIEN, BELFANTI, FREEMAN, HARKINS, BISHOP, FABRIZIO, MANN, STABACK, JOSEPHS, McILVAINE SMITH, HOUGHTON, KOTIK, PRESTON, WALKO, BRENNAN and GERGELY

An Act amending the act of March 24, 2004 (P.L.148, No.15), known as the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Stabilization Act, further providing for accreditation of Level III trauma centers and for payment calculation of funding of trauma centers.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 18, 2009.

**No. 979** By Representatives BRADFORD, KORTZ, MANN, PALLONE, SIPTROTH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, providing for a patient education brochure concerning mercury amalgam.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 18, 2009.

**No. 981** By Representatives HUTCHINSON, BAKER, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HENNESSEY, KORTZ, MAJOR, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PETRARCA, REED, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STERN, STEVENSON, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending the payment of the salary, medical and hospital expenses to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources law enforcement officers under certain circumstances.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 18, 2009.

**No. 982** By Representatives WANSACZ, HARHAI, KORTZ, SOLOBAY, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOYD, BRENNAN, BURNS, BUXTON, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, DePASQUALE, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HESS, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PEIFER, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, ROAE, ROHRER, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VULAKOVICH, K. SMITH and PETRARCA

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 983** By Representatives WANSACZ, SIPTROTH, GALLOWAY, BRENNAN, BELFANTI, BOBACK, BROWN, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, KORTZ, MANN, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PETRARCA, TALLMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, HARRIS and FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, providing for clinical laboratory reports.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 18, 2009.

**No. 984** By Representatives KESSLER, CARROLL, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DAY, DePASQUALE, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARKINS, HARRIS, HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MELIO, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, ROSS, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for split-off, separation or transfer.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 18, 2009.

**No. 985** By Representatives KESSLER, DALEY, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, MAHONEY, McGEEHAN, MOUL, PAYNE, PRESTON, READSHAW, SAYLOR, SEIP, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH, M. O'BRIEN and SWANGER

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department of Banking Code, further providing for employee protection.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 986** By Representatives KESSLER, DALEY, SEIP, COHEN, BRENNAN, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HARKINS, HESS, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANN, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MUNDY, PARKER, QUINN, SIPTROTH, STABACK, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and YUDICHAK

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for mortgage loan business prohibitions.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 18, 2009.

**No. 988** By Representatives LONGIETTI, STEVENSON, BROOKS, BAKER, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CUTLER, DALLY, DERMODY, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, GABLER, GEORGE, GERGELY, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, M. KELLER, KOTIK, LENTZ, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MURPHY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROAE, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, STERN, TALLMAN, TURZAI, VEREB, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, MARSHALL, D. COSTA, WALKO and EVERETT

An Act designating the bridge carrying Walnut Street over the Shenango River in the Borough of Sharpsville, Mercer County, as the Sgt. David W. Wallace III Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 18, 2009.

**No. 989** By Representatives SANTARSIERO, R. TAYLOR, GALLOWAY, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOBACK, BOYLE, BRENNAN, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALLY, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, GEIST, GERBER, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARRIS, HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MANN, MELIO, MILNE, MURPHY, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PETRI, RAPP, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STURLA, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of sexual offenders, adding definitions; further providing for registration procedures and applicability; providing for limited Internet access for certain sex offenders; and further providing for duties of Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 18, 2009.

**No. 994** By Representatives COHEN, OLIVER, STURLA, BISHOP, FREEMAN, JOSEPHS, PRESTON, MELIO, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, GEORGE, MANDERINO, STABACK, WHEATLEY, K. SMITH, SIPTROTH, PASHINSKI, PALLONE, M. O'BRIEN, MURT, MAHONEY, KORTZ, HARKINS, GRUCELA, GOODMAN, FRANKEL, FABRIZIO, D. COSTA, CONKLIN, BRENNAN and BRIGGS

An Act establishing the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Program in the Department of Health and providing for

its purposes; establishing the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Program Fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 18, 2009.

**No. 995** By Representatives GILLESPIE, CREIGHTON, EVERETT, FLECK, GINGRICH, GROVE, HALUSKA, KORTZ, KOTIK, MILLER, MOUL, PAYNE, ROAE, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for penalties and for fines, civil penalties and fees; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 18, 2009.

**No. 996** By Representatives GILLESPIE, BEYER, GEIST, GINGRICH, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, MILLER, MOUL, REICHLEY, SIPTROTH and TURZAI

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for distributors' and importing distributors' restrictions on sales and storage.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, March 18, 2009.

**No. 997** By Representatives GILLESPIE, BEYER, CIVERA, CREIGHTON, GEIST, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARRIS, M. KELLER, MANN, MELIO, MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, PETRI, QUINN, RAPP, ROCK, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading the offense of harassment.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 18, 2009.

**No. 998** By Representatives BOYD, BEYER, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, GEIST, GIBBONS, GROVE, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MURT, QUINN, READSHAW, ROAE, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, STEVENSON and TRUE

An Act amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act, further providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 18, 2009.

**No. 999** By Representatives BOYD, BAKER, BEAR, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, FABRIZIO, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, KILLION, KORTZ, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, PEIFER, PHILLIPS, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, K. SMITH and STABACK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 18, 2009.

**No. 1000** By Representatives BOYD, BARRAR, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DeLUCA, ELLIS, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GROVE, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KORTZ, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, PEIFER, PICKETT, QUINN, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, K. SMITH, STURLA, SWANGER and TRUE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, exempting hybrid electric vehicles from the requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 18, 2009.

**No. 1001** By Representatives MARSICO, TURZAI, GRELL, BAKER, BOYD, CAUSER, CUTLER, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, HARRIS, HESS, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, MILLER, MOUL, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, RAPP, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, STERN, STEVENSON, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act establishing the Office of Inspector General; imposing duties upon the Auditor General and the Legislative Reference Bureau; and abolishing an executive office.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 18, 2009.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

#### **SB 170, PN 140**

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 18, 2009.

#### **SB 171, PN 141**

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 18, 2009.

#### **SB 391, PN 394**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 18, 2009.

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

#### **HB 173, PN 1151 (Amended)** By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, further providing for definitions, for the council and its powers and duties, for data submission, collection, dissemination and publication, for health care for the medically indigent, for mandated health benefits, for access to council data, for special studies and reports, enforcement and penalties, for research and demonstration projects, for grievances and grievance procedures, for antitrust, for contracts with vendors and for reporting;

providing for establishment of a health care cost containment council act review committee; and further providing for severability and for sunset.

#### INSURANCE.

#### **HB 526, PN 577**

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of September 2, 1961 (P.L.1232, No.540), known as the Model Act for the Regulation of Credit Life Insurance and Credit Accident and Health Insurance, further providing for premiums and refunds.

#### INSURANCE.

#### **HB 838, PN 1152 (Amended)**

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for conditions subject to which policies are to be issued; and providing for health insurance coverage for certain children of insured parents.

#### INSURANCE.

#### **HB 911, PN 1030**

By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for annual and other reports, penalties.

#### INSURANCE.

### WRIT OF ELECTION

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, yesterday, March 17, 2009, the Speaker issued a writ of election to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Board of Elections of Berks County and Schuylkill County directing them to hold a special election on May 19, 2009, the date of the primary election, to fill the seat vacated by Representative Dave Argall. A copy of the writ will be printed in full in today's Journal.

The following writ of election was submitted:

TO THE HONORABLE PEDRO A. CORTÉS, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO CHRISTIAN Y. LEINBACK, MARK C. SCOTT, AND KEVIN BARNHARDT, CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF BERKS COUNTY, AND MANTURA M. GALLAGHER, FRANCIS V. MCANDREW, AND FRANK J. STAUDENMEIER, CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF BERKS AND SCHUYLKILL, CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF DAVID G. ARGALL, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND NINE.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. MCCALL, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE SAID COUNTIES OF BERKS AND SCHUYLKILL, ON THE

19TH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND NINE TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND TEN, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION THROUGHOUT SAID DISTRICT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND NINE.

ATTEST:

ROGER NICK  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KEITH R. MCCALL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to acknowledge some guests in the hall of the House.

In the balcony the Chair welcomes Greg Millen and his three daughters, Ruth Anne, Melanie, and Elisabeth. They are the guests of Representative Scott Boyd. Will the guests please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the balcony, the Chair welcomes Luke and Sandy Hibshman and their family. They reside in eastern Lancaster County. They are the guests of Representative Gordon Denlinger. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the balcony, as the guest of Representative Barb McIlvaine Smith, who is also a cousin and constituent of the Representative, is Mr. Francis Jacobs. Welcome to the hall of the House. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

### CALENDAR

#### RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. JOHNSON called up **HR 96, PN 1067**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing, during the observation of "Women's History Month" in March 2009, the contributions of Dorothy Allen, Josephine Blow, Lois A. Fernandez, Minnie Moore-Johnson, Lillian Ray, Betty B. Richardson Smoot and Emma Wilson.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order. The members will please take their seats. The gentleman has guests on the floor. Conversations will please cease.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to start off by saying good morning, Mr. Speaker as well as my fellow House members.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity to offer a resolution to honor seven distinguished women who are trailblazers of the 186th Legislative District of Philadelphia in honor of Women's History Month. I would also like to salute my fellow women colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, for their service and commitment to the residents of Pennsylvania.

The public celebration of women's history began in 1978 as Women's History Week in Sonoma County, California. In 1987 Congress expanded the celebration to the entire month of March. However, Women's History Month dates back to 1857, when women and factory workers in New York City protested bad working conditions. In January of 2009, we recently witnessed another push towards justice and gender equality with the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act by President Barack Obama.

So today I am honored to offer this resolution recognizing the social contributions of these phenomenal women and leaders from my district, and the resolution reads as follows:

"Recognizing, during the observation of 'Women's History Month' in March 2009, the contributions of Dorothy Allen, Josephine Blow, Lois A. Fernandez," Dr. "Minnie Moore-Johnson, Lillian Ray, Betty B. Richardson Smoot and Emma Wilson.

"WHEREAS, March 2009 is 'Women's History Month,' and Pennsylvania has many women who have contributed greatly to the progress and tradition of this" great "Commonwealth; and

"WHEREAS, While many of these women have already received wide recognition for their contributions, there are countless others who are less well known but are nonetheless woven into the fabric of our history; and

"WHEREAS, Seven women of this Commonwealth who deserve acclamation during 'Women's History Month' have served the City of Philadelphia for decades; and

"WHEREAS, Dorothy Allen began the Barrett Educational Community Center in 1976 to offer a safe haven for children and youth and to provide resources, food and services to neighborhood adults, personally financing the center and continuing to work during acute illnesses and through personal tribulation; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Allen recently turned over the center's operation to her granddaughter, Tiphonie White, who now serves as its executive director; and

"WHEREAS, Josephine Blow has served as Chester Avenue Business Association's president for the past 20 years, is a committeeperson of the 51st Ward, a board member of the African Cultural Alliance of North America and serves on planning committees for Southwest Pride Day, Thomas Avenue Town Watch National Night Out Celebration and Garden Homes; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Blow belongs to the Southwest EPIC Stakeholders and its Safe Corridor program, the 12th Police District Advisory Council, the South West Action Coalition, Project NEAT and Intelligent Sisters Improving Selves..., is an elected member of the board of the Southwest CDC Neighborhood Advisory Committee and has been involved in the planning and revitalization of the Chester Avenue business corridor; and

"WHEREAS, Lois A. Fernandez holds a master's degree in urban planning from Antioch College and worked for the

City of Philadelphia from 1970 to 1988, fighting gang violence, engaging in parent counseling and supervising children in foster care, as well as innovating social programs in the Philadelphia School District; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Fernandez has played a significant role in preserving and perpetuating African culture since 1972, which was highlighted through her work on the host committee of the Corporate Council of Africa's 2001 meeting in Philadelphia; she founded ODUNDE, Inc., initiated the ODUNDE Festival in Philadelphia in 1975 to celebrate African culture and has served as ODUNDE, Inc.'s president for the past 30 years; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Fernandez has received numerous awards for her vision and service, and, in 1967, she sued in Federal Court, successfully, for the removal of the term 'illegitimate' from the birth certificates of babies of single mothers; and

"WHEREAS," Dr. "Minnie Moore-Johnson is the founder and chief executive officer of Concerned Parents, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides services to citizens in Philadelphia who are less fortunate, elderly, homeless, or ex-offenders; the organization provides educational support, food, clothing, affordable furniture and appliances and links clients with service agencies to find additional resources and employment; and she personally has increased the annual Concerned Parents, Inc., senior citizens Thanksgiving dinner from 15 meals served in 1968 to 25,000 meals served in 1988; and

"WHEREAS, Dr. Minnie Moore-Johnson created the Job Development program at Temple University, which offers courses on ex-offender job training, as well as training in ex-offender social work and job development, and has received numerous accolades,...and awards for her many contributions; and

"WHEREAS, Betty B. Richardson Smoot has run a successful real estate transactions and tax preparation office since 1968, serving the people of west Philadelphia as a real estate salesperson since 1953; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Smoot served for many years as executive director of the Mt. Zion Unity Development Corporation, was a founding member of the Schuylkill Women's Coalition, has been very active at her church for more than 70 years and currently serves as a member of the Business and Professional Women's Ministry and the church choir, and is the recipient of numerous awards for her community and governmental service; and

"WHEREAS," Lillian Ray, "In 2001, after serving as deputy to three drug czars, Lillian Ray was appointed the first African-American female drug czar of the City of Philadelphia, capping an industrious career in law enforcement and community organization combating drug violence and crime through efforts such as Stinger Square Community Services, interracial sports leagues, computer training centers, literacy classes, food pantries, enrichment workshops and the creation of the Peace Wall Mural in the heart of the racially torn Graysferry section of the city; and

"WHEREAS, The mother of nine children, Ms. Ray has received numerous awards and honors and serves on many boards, most notably the...Youth Fatality Task Force, Pennsylvania Justice Fellowship Task Force and Philadelphia Health Management Corporation Advisory Board; and

"WHEREAS, For many years, Emma Wilson was the unwavering force and youth advocate at the "Dixon House," in the community of Point Breeze, "serving as director of Camp

Unami, a residential summer camp for city children in rural Pennsylvania; supervising a program to provide summer jobs for youth; making" the "Dixon House available for group dances and gatherings; and organizing trips for young people in order to expand their horizons; and

"WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson's commitment to youth and family safety led to her involvement with the Safe Corridor Project and despite recent personal health concerns, Ms. Wilson remains active in the community; and

"WHEREAS, The commitment to social and community involvement exemplified by these seven women is worthy of celebration and praise; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize, during the observation of 'Women's History Month' in March 2009, the contributions of Dorothy Allen, Josephine Blow, Lois A. Fernandez," Dr. "Minnie Moore-Johnson, Lillian Ray, Betty B. Richardson Smoot and" Ms. "Emma Wilson."

Could we please give them a round of applause. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—191

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

DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kortz	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Krieger	Quinn	
Eachus	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Levdansky	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Petri	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli	Samuelson	

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

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Mr. CAUSER called up **HR 101, PN 734**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 22 through March 28, 2009, as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reed
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Roae
Bear	Fleck	Manderino	Rock
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Sabatina
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Sainato
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Santoni
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gergely	Mensch	Scavello
Brooks	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Schroder
Brown	Gillespie	Metzgar	Seip
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Godshall	Millard	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Hennessey	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hess	Oberlander	Thomas
Curry	Hickernell	Oliver	True
Cutler	Hornaman	Pallone	Turzai
Daley	Houghton	Parker	Vereb
Dally	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Vitali

Day	Johnson	Payne	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Payton	Walko
DeLozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kortz	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Krieger	Quinn	
Eachus	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Levdansky	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Petri	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli	Samuelson	

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

## GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the balcony, the Chair welcomes the Paxtonia Elementary second graders, who are the guests of Representative Ron Marsico. Welcome to the hall of the House.

To the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes John Hoekstra, director of Watershed Advocacy of Green Valleys Association, who is the guest of Representative Milne and Representative Schroder. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

## RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 154, PN 1072**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 28, 2009, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., as "Earth Hour" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—171

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Readshaw
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reed
Barbin	Fabrizio	Longietti	Reese
Barrar	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Bear	Fleck	Mahoney	Rock
Benninghoff	Frankel	Major	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Manderino	Ross
Bishop	Galloway	Mann	Sabatina
Boback	Geist	Markosek	Sainato
Boyd	George	Marshall	Santarsiero
Boyle	Gerber	Marsico	Santoni
Bradford	Gergely	Matzie	Saylor
Brennan	Gibbons	McGeehan	Scavello



Briggs	Gillespie	McI. Smith	Schroder
Brown	Gingrich	Melio	Seip
Burns	Godshall	Mensch	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Micozzie	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Grell	Millard	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Miller	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Staback
Civera	Haluska	Moul	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Mundy	Sturla
Cohen	Harhart	Murphy	Tallman
Conklin	Harkins	Murt	Taylor, J.
Costa, D.	Harper	Mustio	Taylor, R.
Costa, P.	Harris	Myers	Thomas
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, D.	True
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Turzai
Curry	Hess	O'Neill	Verab
Cutler	Hickernell	Oliver	Vitali
Daley	Hornaman	Pallone	Vulakovich
Dally	Houghton	Parker	Walko
Day	Johnson	Pashinski	Wansacz
Deasy	Josephs	Payne	Waters
Delozier	Kauffman	Payton	Watson
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wheatley
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Perzel	White
Dermody	Kessler	Petrarca	Williams
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Preston	
Drucker	Kotik	Quigley	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Quinn	Speaker
Ellis			

## NAYS—19

Brooks	Gabig	Oberlander	Smith, S.
Causar	Gabler	Pyle	Sonney
Christiana	Hutchinson	Rapp	Stevenson
Denlinger	Metcalfe	Roae	Swanger
Everett	Metzgar	Rohrer	

## NOT VOTING—1

Milne

## EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Petri	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli	Samuelson	

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

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Mr. KORTZ called up **HR 157, PN 1074**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 21, 2009, as "Brain Injury Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order. Members will please take their seats. The Sergeants at Arms will clear the aisles of the House. Conversations will please break up. Take the conversations off the floor of the House. Move to one of the anterooms. We could be out of here by 12:30 or we could be out of here by 2:30. Conversations will please cease.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Representative Kortz.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all my colleagues to join with me today in designating this Saturday, March 21, 2009, as "Brain Injury Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 3 million Americans currently have a long-term or lifelong need for help to perform activities of daily living as a result of traumatic brain injury. This type of injury can cause a wide range of functional changes which affect the thinking, language, learning, emotions, behavior, sensation; can cause epilepsy and increase the risk for Alzheimer's disease, which took my mother, and Parkinson's disease, and other brain disorders that have become prevalent with age.

Mr. Speaker, each year 1.4 million Americans sustain traumatic brain injuries, 50,000 Americans perish, 235,000 are hospitalized, and 1.1 million are treated and released from an emergency department for brain injuries. Mr. Speaker, brain injury prevention can be achieved through community education and public awareness.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would ask all my colleagues to join with me today in designating this Saturday, March 21, as "Brain Injury Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania, and I would ask them to vote affirmatively for HR 157. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—191

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

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

## NAYS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—11

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Petri	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli	Samuelson	

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

## RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MURPHY called up **HR 159, PN 1113**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 19, 2009, as "Pennsylvania Military Heroes Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Representative Murphy.

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

I rise today to introduce to this House HR 159, which would designate March 19 of each year as "Pennsylvania Military Heroes Day." As you may remember, March 19 is the anniversary of the date when the United States declared war in Iraq.

This bill would make March 19 a day of recognition, gratitude, and respect for our Armed Forces personnel who have served and continue to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom throughout the Commonwealth. An additional provision of this bill would be to encourage local governments and citizens to observe a moment of silence for our armed servicemen and servicewomen who have given their last full measure of devotion for their Commonwealth and their country.

I hope that you will stand with me in supporting the brave men and women honored by this bill. I respectfully ask for your affirmative vote on HR 159.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair notes the presence of Representative Petri on the floor. His name will be removed from the leave-of-absence roll.

## CONSIDERATION OF HR 159 CONTINUED

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

## VOTE STRICKEN

The SPEAKER. The clerk will strike the vote.

For what purpose does the gentlelady from Mercer rise?

Mrs. BROOKS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We, back here on our laptops, are trying to pull up HR 159, and it is saying that text is being revised.

The SPEAKER. It seems to be just a technical glitch. They are trying to figure it out right now.

## RESOLUTION PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We will go over the resolution temporarily.

## CALENDAR CONTINUED

## RESOLUTION

Mr. LEVDANSKY called up **HR 127, PN 880**, entitled:

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.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. BEAR offered the following amendment No. **A00311**:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 7, by striking out "XIX-A" and inserting

XVII-A

Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "1998" and inserting 1998)

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Representative Bear.

Mr. BEAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment is just a clarification on the resolution itself, fixing the one section and also a clerical correction. That is it.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Levdansky.

Mr. LEVDANSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is a technical amendment, which we did not pick up from the Reference Bureau. The identical resolution was introduced and passed in the Senate as well. So it is just a technical amendment. I urge its adoption.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—192

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—10

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Samuelson	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli		

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 adopt the resolution as amended?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—192

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—10

Belfanti	Hanna	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Lentz	Samuelson	Wagner
Farry	Miccarelli		

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

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

#### HB 331, PN 363

By Rep. GERGELY

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1004, No.204), entitled "An act extending benefits to police chiefs or heads of police departments of political subdivisions of the Commonwealth who have been removed from bargaining units by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board," further providing for salary of nonunion police officers.

LABOR RELATIONS.

#### HB 664, PN 726

By Rep. GERGELY

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "employee."

LABOR RELATIONS.

#### HB 713, PN 792

By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; establishing the Science Education Innovation Grants Program; and providing for State grants.

EDUCATION.

#### HB 794, PN 1154 (Amended)

By Rep. ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for payment of fees associated with certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

EDUCATION.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Keller, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. W. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make an announcement that we are going to have an Appropriations Committee hearing in the majority caucus room immediately following recess.

The SPEAKER. Is it an Appropriations meeting?

Mr. W. KELLER. I am sorry; a meeting.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. W. KELLER. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room immediately following recess.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Eachus, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We are going to have an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room immediately following the break.

And at 12:05 caucus should be very short for the Democrats. We will be back on the floor at 12:30.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Susquehanna County, Miss Major, for the purpose of an announcement.

Miss MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, would like to announce a Republican caucus at noon, and we will meet in the caucus room at 12 noon immediately following Appropriations, and then be back on the floor at 12:30. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Shawn Michael Applegate, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Shawn Michael Applegate.

Whereas, Shawn Michael Applegate has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is a member of Troop 130.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Shawn Michael Applegate.

The SPEAKER. Any further announcements?

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 12:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of Representative Farry and Representative Samuelson on the floor of the House. Their names will be added to the master roll.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Representative SCHRODER. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE****HB 348, PN 379**

By Rep. D. EVANS

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.

**APPROPRIATIONS.****HB 468, PN 951**

By Rep. D. EVANS

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.

**APPROPRIATIONS.****HB 718, PN 797**

By Rep. D. EVANS

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.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

The SPEAKER. Those bills will be placed on the supplemental calendar.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED****CONSIDERATION OF HR 159 CONTINUED**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—193**

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

**NAYS—0****NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—9**

Belfanti	Lentz	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Miccarelli	Schroder	Wagner
Hanna			

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B****BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 348, PN 379**, entitled:

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.

On the question,  
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 718, PN 797**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Representative Melio, seek recognition?

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MELIO. I believe that we have one amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. There is no amendment posted to HB 718. Is the gentleman thinking about HB 468?

Mr. MELIO. Yes; HB 468.

The SPEAKER. We are not on HB 468.

Mr. MELIO. Okay. Before I start, Mr. Speaker, when we had the last Veterans Affairs, I mentioned all the wonderful legislators that are on active duty and who serve the country so famously—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

Mr. MELIO. Yes; I am sorry.

The SPEAKER. The question before the House is HB 718, not HB 468. We will come back to you when we get to HB 468.

Mr. MELIO. Okay. I just recommend that we pass the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. 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 468, PN 951**, entitled:

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.

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

Mr. **FAIRCHILD** offered the following amendment No. **A00371**:

Amend Bill, page 59, line 21, by striking out "EMS vehicle operator" and inserting  
emergency medical services agency, excluding a vehicle operator of a Quick Response Service or QRS.

Amend Bill, page 92, line 6, by striking out "transportation" and inserting  
transport

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Union County, Representative Fairchild.

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, A00371, is the product of a meeting that Chairman Melio and I had with the Department of Health's Deputy Director Huff, the office of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Director Joe Schmider, Representative Solobay, Representative Causer, Representative Payne, and Representative Gillespie, and the various staffs.

I would like to first commend all the stakeholders throughout the State and the many groups that worked on Chairman Melio's bill. It came down to the point where, thanks to the diligence of Representative Causer and Representative Solobay, there was a small problem that surfaced, and it is really great as a Representative to see people that are in the field, active in these types of issues, really read the bills and say, wait a minute, we have got a little problem here; thus, the stakeholders' meeting yesterday with Chairman Melio.

My amendment simply reflects mostly language in a prior amendment by Representative Causer, and I would like to, if I could take the liberty because this is such an important issue, after Chairman Melio speaks, ask Representative Solobay and Representative Causer to make small remarks on the bill and explain exactly what the amendment does, or make remarks on the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to thank Representative Causer, Representative Solobay, Chairman Fairchild for all their hard work on this amendment. It is an agreed-to amendment, and I would hope that everyone agrees to the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from McKean County, Representative Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Fairchild amendment, amendment A00371. The amendment really does make this a much better bill. It is a good EMS bill, strongly supported by the EMS providers in this State.

When we were taking a close look at the bill, we did find some concerns. One in particular that Representative Fairchild pointed out was a concern dealing with emergency vehicle operators, which would have required volunteer firefighters in this State who operate fire equipment, who are also certified as quick response units for responding to emergency medical calls, to register with the Department of Health and have continuing education requirements, and obviously, this would have been a huge mandate for our volunteer firefighters. You know, many of us here in this chamber have the opportunity to work closely with our volunteer emergency medical services agencies and volunteer fire departments, and we hear constantly, please do not put any more requirements on us, please do not put any more mandates on us, because we are having trouble doing what we do right now. You know, we depend on volunteers around this State to provide this vital service, and they take time out of their day, day and night, to provide this service, and oftentimes

we are putting more requirements on them. So when we took a look at this bill, it was putting some additional requirements on them, and the Fairchild amendment will strip that provision out of this bill and really, really assist our volunteer fire departments.

Another provision that is in the bill is a requirement for registration for EMS ambulance drivers in the State and also continuing education requirements. In negotiating through this process and through this amendment, we did agree to limit the amount of continuing education requirements for ambulance drivers. I have a signed letter from the Department of Health saying that it is their intent that there shall be no greater than 3 hours of continuing education requirements over a 3-year period.

I do want to ask the members to support the Fairchild amendment. It really does strengthen this bill and I think deserves our support. I want to thank Chairman Melio and Chairman Fairchild, Representative Solobay, Representatives Payne and Gillespie for all their work on this particular issue. As I said, this makes the EMS bill a much better bill, and I would urge support for the amendment and for the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Representative Solobay.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also would like to stand in support of the Fairchild amendment and commend all the players that got together to make this happen, the process that we used, sitting down and working through identifying the issues and coming up with a solution, as opposed to letting things get personal and letting them get ugly like sometimes things, unfortunately, do.

I would just recommend, Mr. Speaker, when we get into a tough spot on the budget, maybe you should let the firefighter caucus get it settled.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai.

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

I rise in support of the amendment, and I want to just make clear that the individuals who are sponsoring this amendment, these guys have frontline experience both from the real world in their communities and from their knowledge here as legislators. They know the EMTs (emergency medical technicians) and the firefighters that are out there doing the work day in and day out and what the incentives are and how they are affected by legislation.

Given their credibility, given their experience, given their background, I think we should be supporting them 110 percent, and I appreciate the fact that they have taken the time to know what is out there and to craft legislation to match that real-world experience, and I would urge everybody to support this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—193

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Baker	Everett	Maher	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Roae
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rock
Benninghoff	Fleck	Mann	Roebuck
Beyer	Frankel	Markosek	Rohrer
Bishop	Freeman	Marshall	Ross
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Ellis	Kula	Rapp	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Readshaw	

## NAYS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—9

Belfanti	Lentz	Perry	Smith, M.
Cruz	Miccarelli	Schroder	Wagner
Hanna			

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?

The SPEAKER. The Chair is of the understanding that Representative Causer has withdrawn amendments A00307 and A00362. Is that correct? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

### **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 173;  
HB 331;  
HB 526;  
HB 664;  
HB 713;  
HB 794;  
HB 838; and  
HB 911.

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

### **BILLS RECOMMITTED**

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

HB 173;  
HB 331;  
HB 526;  
HB 664;  
HB 713;  
HB 794;  
HB 838; and  
HB 911.

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

The SPEAKER. Are there any announcements?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Cohen, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be a Democratic caucus immediately upon the call of the recess for today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House will come to order.

There is no need for a Democratic caucus today; repeat, there is no need for a Democratic caucus today.

There will be no further votes for the day.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

### **RECESS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair has in its possession a recess motion of Representative Krieger from Westmoreland County, who moves that this House do now recess for today and reconvene on Monday, March 23, 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 12:59 p.m., e.d.t., the House recessed.