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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL)
PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW E. BAKER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us pray together:

Let us remind ourselves in this special place, on this special day, that we are in the presence of God. Lord, we praise You on this special day. You are the loving Father of us all, the merciful, the compassionate, the source of all wisdom, the giver of all gifts. We have so much to thank You for, dear Lord – our lives, our families, our freedom, and our opportunities to serve our Commonwealth and the good citizens who entrust us with the age-old values that are enshrined in our Constitution and in our hearts.

Sustain the members of the House, the members of the Senate, the Governor, and all our staff in courage and in confidence as we face the daunting challenges of this budget.

Lord, let us be builders of a better Commonwealth and nation. Grant us wisdom, clarity, and depth perception to be creative and to achieve that which is Your will. Let us not be distracted by the inconsequential. Rather, bring us together in the spirit of unity, for time is precious and should not be wasted.

The moments are now to make decisions that will move the future. May our decisions be Your decisions, based on truth, justice, and moral fortitude.

Lord, be with all of us every moment and in every motion to do Your will, now and forever. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals of Tuesday, March 17; Wednesday, March 18; and Monday, March 23 of 2009 are now in print. Will the House approve those Journals?

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

The SPEAKER. The Journals are approved.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Thursday, April 30, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

Members will please report to the floor of the House.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 285 By Representatives JOHNSON, BROWN, BISHOP, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BUXTON, CLYMER, DALEY, DePASQUALE, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MELIO, MURPHY, MURT, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WATERS, WHEATLEY, PHILLIPS, COHEN and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution calling upon the Department of Health to conduct a study determining the accessibility and effectiveness of sickle cell services currently provided by the Department of Health and need for additional services to meet the needs of people afflicted with sickle cell disease in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, May 4, 2009.

No. 286 By Representatives HORNAMAN, HARKINS, FABRIZIO and SONNEY

A Resolution pledging support to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in dealing with a budget shortfall which threatens to close six hospitals throughout the country, one of which is located in Erie, and encouraging the Shriners Hospital System to explore every available option for making the system financially sound and for keeping open the Erie hospital, which serves the needs of children and families in a five-state area.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, May 4, 2009.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 32 By Representatives DALEY, McCALL, THOMAS, SCAVELLO, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, COHEN, DEASY, DONATUCCI, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HANNA, HARHAI, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSHALL, MENSCH, MOUL, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROAE, SAINATO, SIPTROTH, McILVAINE SMITH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, SWANGER, R. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WHITE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for permanent cost-of-living increases in return for additional contributions.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 4, 2009.

No. 1405 By Representatives DeLUCA, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, FRANKEL, GEIST, GINGRICH, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MYERS, PYLE, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY and WHITE

An Act prohibiting certain referrals of patients by health care providers for health care services; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, May 4, 2009.

No. 1406 By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, GEIST, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, MILLER, MUNDY, MURT, SIPTROTH, STABACK, VULAKOVICH and WALKO

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for certain disclosure to property or casualty insurance policyholders.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, May 4, 2009.

No. 1407 By Representatives DeLUCA, EACHUS, THOMAS, CLYMER, D. COSTA, DONATUCCI, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GERGELY, JOSEPHS, KULA, MILLARD, MUNDY, M. O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, J. TAYLOR, WHITE, BARBIN, BISHOP, BOYLE, BROWN, BUXTON, CASORIO, COHEN, CONKLIN, P. COSTA, CURRY, DERMODY, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, HARHAI, HARKINS, JOHNSON, W. KELLER, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MATZIE, McCALL, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, PARKER, SABATINA, SANTONI, SEIP, M. SMITH, R. TAYLOR, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATERS, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, BRENNAN and MILNE

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for property held by financial institutions, for property held by insurers, for property held by utilities, for property held by business associations, for property held by fiduciaries, for property held by courts and public officers and agencies and for miscellaneous property held for or owing to another.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 4, 2009.

No. 1408 By Representatives DeLUCA, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, BURNS, CLYMER, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARPER, HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PYLE, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 4, 2009.

No. 1409 By Representatives ROCK, CREIGHTON, FARRY, GEIST, GILLESPIE, MAHONEY, MANN, MELIO, MILNE, O'NEILL, ROAE, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, STERN and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for willful obstruction of fire hydrants.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1410 By Representatives PAYNE, BENNINGHOFF, CUTLER, DAY, HELM, M. KELLER, MENSCH, PYLE, TALLMAN, GILLESPIE and CREIGHTON

An Act directing the Secretary of the Budget to reduce all State appropriations by 10% for fiscal year July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1411 By Representatives DePASQUALE, MAHER, FREEMAN, CASORIO, BUXTON, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, SIPTROTH, MUNDY, WAGNER, BRENNAN, KILLION, CARROLL, MELIO, STURLA, CIVERA, FRANKEL, W. KELLER, McILVAINE SMITH, MANDERINO, SAMUELSON, GERBER, SWANGER, COHEN, D. COSTA, WATERS, PRESTON, FABRIZIO, ROEBUCK, OLIVER, R. TAYLOR, CURRY, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, VITALI, McGEEHAN, CRUZ, HORNAMAN, PAYTON, BROWN, VEREB, MENSCH, WILLIAMS, ADOLPH, O'NEILL and READSHAW

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2009.

No. 1412 By Representative DALLY

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for credited school service.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 4, 2009.

No. 1413 By Representatives WAGNER, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, KULA, MAHONEY, McILVAINE SMITH, MILLARD, MILNE, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, RAPP, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, M. SMITH, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for person with disability plate and placard.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 4, 2009.

No. 1414 By Representatives JOHNSON, WATERS, CALTAGIRONE, LENTZ, MANDERINO, BROWN, PALLONE, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DRUCKER, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, HALUSKA, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, MANN, McGEEHAN, MURT, COHEN, PARKER, PAYTON, ROSS, SIPTROTH, WAGNER and WHEATLEY

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Commission of 2009 as a subcommission under the Commission on Crime and Delinquency to review the Commonwealth's entire criminal justice system within an 18-month period, to propose concrete, wide-ranging reforms designed to responsibly reduce the overall incarceration rate, to improve State and local responses to international and domestic gang violence, to restructure our approach to drug policy, to improve the treatment of mental illness, to improve prison administration, and to establish a system for reintegrating offenders.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2009.

No. 1415 By Representatives BOYLE, DeLUCA, JOSEPHS and MURPHY

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 definitions, for acting for or aiding nonadmitted insurers, for requirements for eligible surplus lines insurers, for other nonadmitted insurers, for surplus lines licensee's duty to notify insured, for declarations, for surplus lines advisory organizations, for evidence of insurance, for licensing of surplus lines licensee, for surplus lines licensee's acceptance of business from brokers, for records of surplus lines licensees, for monthly reports, for surplus lines tax, for tax on independently procured insurance, for suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of surplus lines licensee's license and for penalties; and providing for compliance.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, May 4, 2009.

No. 1416 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Executive

Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1417 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of July 4, 2008 (P.L. , No.38A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2008, adding a new abbreviation; increasing and decreasing certain State appropriations and certain Federal appropriations; and adding new Federal appropriations.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1418 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1419 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1420 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1421 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1422 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for

the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, the Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1423 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1424 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1425 By Representative D. EVANS

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

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009.

No. 1426 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, HARPER, W. KELLER, LONGIETTI, MUNDY, SIPTROTH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2009.

No. 1427 By Representatives GOODMAN, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CASORIO, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DeWEESE, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GROVE, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANN, MELIO, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PYLE, REICHLEY, ROCK, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON, WHEATLEY, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further defining "income."

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, May 4, 2009.

No. 1428 By Representatives GOODMAN, BELFANTI, CARROLL, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GRUCELA, KOTIK, SIPTROTH, SWANGER and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 4, 2009.

MOLLY STOLTZ PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Representative Gabler, for the purpose of a presentation.

Mr. GABLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I have the privilege of welcoming to the House of Representatives Miss Molly Stoltz. Molly is a junior at DuBois Area High School and is the winner of Pennsylvania's 2009 Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest. She was selected from a group of 13 regional finalists by a panel of judges as a result of a day-long competition March 12. Molly and her competitors each memorized and prepared three poems for recitation and were judged on a number of categories, such as voice and articulation, physical presence and evidence of understanding. Her State championship earned her a berth at the national championship, which was held in Washington, DC, last Tuesday.

At DuBois Area High School, she is active in the school's theater program, having played Hodel in "Fiddler on the Roof" this school year. Molly is vice president of the school's show choir, a member of drama club, and one of eight Pennsylvania representatives to the International Thespian Society State Conference. She gives back to her community as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters and one day wants to participate in Invisible Children missionary work in Africa.

Please welcome to the hall of the House our 2008-2009 State champion, Miss Molly Stoltz.

Today Molly is accompanied by Mary E. Stoltz, her mother, and my longtime neighbor, Dorothea Hackett, who is an English and drama teacher at DuBois Area High School.

And at this time I am honored to present, on behalf of the House of Representatives, a citation honoring Molly's achievement. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and welcomes the guests to the hall of the House.

**ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS
PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Adolph, for the purpose of a presentation.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, good afternoon. It gives me great pleasure today to welcome to the hall of the House some outstanding student athletes from Delaware County, the Archbishop John Carroll High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.

The teams each captured their respective 2008-2009 PIAA Class AAA State Championship titles this year. I cannot tell you how proud we are of them.

The boys team won its title after beating Greensburg Salem 75-54 in the championship game, resulting in an overall record of 27 wins and 3 losses.

The girls won their championship title following a victory over Lampeter-Strasburg 68-45, for a season-ending record of 30 wins and 1 loss. I know my good friend, Scott Boyd, from Lancaster County is still suffering over that embarrassing loss.

Not only did the teams win their respective championships, but they also made history by becoming only the seventh school in PIAA history to win both the girls and boys State titles in the same season. In addition, they became the first Philadelphia Catholic League squads to win State titles and the first District 12 teams to win Class AAA State titles.

In addition to their achievements on the court, these young men and women have proven themselves to be excellent students who do a great job balancing their athletics, academics, and extracurricular activities. All those in the 165th Legislative District are very proud of them.

Of course, these two teams did not get here by themselves. The boys were led by head coach Paul Romanczuk and the girls by head coach Chuck Creighton. In addition, both teams had the guidance of an outstanding coaching staff. Without these great coaches, Carroll would not have had the great season it enjoyed this past year.

With me at the rostrum today, representing the girls championship team are coach Chuck Creighton, Kerri Shields, Hollie Mershon, and Kaitlin Cole. The boys championship team is coached by Paul Romanczuk, and he is joined with seniors Andre Wilburn and Pat Daly, and the president of Archbishop Carroll, Father Bill Grogan. In the back, if you would stand, boys and girls State champions, Archbishop Carroll boys and girls, along with their athletic director, Fran Murphy. Please give them a round of applause.

Thank you very much.

CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Marsico, for the purpose of a presentation.

Representative Eachus, do you want to approach the dais. We have got some wrestlers up here that know your son.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to welcome the Central Dauphin High School Wrestling Team to the hall of the House. They are joining us today so that we may honor them for their State championship wins in both the 2008-2009 PIAA State Class AAA Team Wrestling Championship and in the team standings of the 2008-2009 PIAA State Class AAA Individual Wrestling Championship.

Mr. Speaker, joining me at the podium are head coach Jeff Sweigard, State champion Tony Dallago, State champion Marshall Peppelman, senior Simon Rice, senior Kenny Stank, and the Peppelman family wrestling adviser, Representative Todd Eachus. Is that correct? How did you get that job anyway?

The Rams finished their stellar season with an overall undefeated record of 17 wins and 0 losses. Ranked third in the

nation, first in the nation in public schools, the team also won the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Team Championship, the Power Ade Tournament Team Championship, the Top Hat Tournament Team Championship, and placed third in Beast of the East.

Like I said, we are here to honor the team, but we also want to honor coach Jeff Sweigard for being named the "National Wrestling Coach of the Year" by the National High School Coaches Association. This indeed is considered one of the country's top honors for scholastic coaches. Coach Sweigard is also a Central Dauphin High School graduate and began coaching at his alma mater 15 years ago.

Under Coach Sweigard's direction, the Central Dauphin Wrestling Team has won an unprecedented five, that is five consecutive PIAA team titles. On top of that, he has produced 58 section champions; 22 district champions, including a District 3 record, 8 this season; 55 PIAA qualifiers; 39 PIAA medalists; and 6 PIAA champions, including 2 behind me that we are honoring here today, State champion junior Marshall Peppelman and also senior Tony Dallago.

At this time I would like to recognize the wrestling team and their coaches and parents in the rear of the hall. Would you please give them applause.

The SPEAKER. Will the guests please rise.

Mr. MARSICO. With us today are Shyheim Brown, Kevin Gooding, Tyler Buckman, Zach Oberholtzer, A.J. Sweigard, Emmett Koller, Kenny Courts, Zak Koller, Kyle Wolfe, and Nick Stewart.

We in the House of Representatives would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members and coaches and the Central Dauphin family, the entire school wrestling team as well as those who assisted them for these five unprecedented State championships.

We are honored now to present citations to Coach Sweigard – Coach, congratulations – State champion Marshall Peppelman, and State champion Tony Dallago.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, Representative DeWeese, who requests the following leaves of absence: Representative BELFANTI from Northumberland for the week, Representative BOYLE from Philadelphia for the day, Representative DRUCKER from Chester for the day, Representative PALLONE from Westmoreland for the day, Representative MATT SMITH from Allegheny for the day. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leaves of absence: Representative GRELL from Cumberland for the day, Representative KRIEGER from Westmoreland for the day, Representative MAHER from Allegheny for the day. Without objection, those 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—192

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Krieger	Pallone	Smith, M.
Drucker	Maher		

LEAVES CANCELED—3

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. TRUE called up **HR 222, PN 1401**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center for its service to Lancaster County.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentledady from Lancaster County, Representative True.

The House will come to order.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 222 congratulates Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center for its service to Lancaster County. The Commonwealth is always proud to recognize those institutions which contribute to the well-being of their communities and ultimately to all the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Schreiber Pediatric Medical Rehab Center recently obtained a 3-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, one of only six facilities in the United States accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.) Schreiber has been providing medical-based rehab services for nearly 75 years to individuals 20 years of age or younger.

The House of Representatives is proud to recognize the Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center for its richly deserved accreditation, and we offer best wishes for continued success in the future.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mrs. TRUE. To the left of the Speaker, I would like to introduce to you today, if I may, Mr. William Jefferson, president of Schreiber; David Campbell, chairman of the board; and Michele Dombach, director of financial development. If you would give them a really warm welcome, I would appreciate it. All of Lancaster's delegation supports this organization.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Everett	Mahoney	Reichley
Baker	Fabrizio	Major	Roae
Barbin	Fairchild	Manderino	Rock
Barrar	Farry	Mann	Roebuck
Bear	Fleck	Markosek	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Frankel	Marshall	Ross
Beyer	Freeman	Marsico	Sabatina
Bishop	Gabig	Matzie	Sainato
Boback	Gabler	McGeehan	Samuelson
Boyd	Galloway	McI. Smith	Santarsiero
Bradford	Geist	Melio	Santoni
Brennan	George	Mensch	Saylor
Briggs	Gerber	Metcalfe	Scavello

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Krieger	Pallone	Smith, M.
Drucker	Maher		

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

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Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 103, PN 736**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2009, as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

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.

Good afternoon. This resolution would designate May 6 through May 12, 2009, as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with Florence Nightingale's birthday on that same day in 1820. Florence Nightingale is considered the founder of the modern nursing profession, taking her compassion from the

infirmaries of England to the battlefield casualties of the Crimean War, where she demonstrated that sanitary conditions were essential to recover from wounds or disease.

Today there are 2.4 million actively employed nurses in the United States, and 256,000 of them work right here in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is the largest professional nursing association in the State. The organization is working diligently to chart a new course for a healthy Commonwealth that relies on increasing the delivery of primary and preventative health care, coupled with a strong focus on nursing care. Nursing care provided by the registered nurses of this State is an essential component to Pennsylvania's health-care delivery system.

The theme for this year's national Nurses Week is "Nurses Building a Healthy America." I would like to thank the State's entire nursing workforce for their dedication to building a healthy Pennsylvania. Nurses are on the front lines of our health-care system. Their hard work and patient care is paramount to the health of Pennsylvania residents.

I ask for your support in adopting HR 103. 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—192

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

DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Pickett	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Preston	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Pyle	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Quigley	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kortz	Quinn	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kotik	Rapp	Yudichak
Eachus	Kula	Readshaw	
Ellis	Lentz	Reed	McCall,
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reese	Speaker
Evans, J.	Longietti		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-10

Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Krieger	Pallone	Smith, M.
Drucker	Maher		

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

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Mr. MOUL called up **HR 178, PN 1201**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 15 through June 15, 2009, as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of Representative Drucker on the floor of the House. His name will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 178 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-193

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reichley
Baker	Everett	Mahoney	Roae
Barbin	Fabrizio	Major	Rock
Barrar	Fairchild	Manderino	Roebuck
Bear	Farry	Mann	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Markosek	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Marshall	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Marsico	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Matzie	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	McGeehan	Santarsiero

Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Santoni
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	George	Mensch	Scavello
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Schroder
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Seip
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Sipiroth
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grove	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Mundy	Grucela	Staback
Civera	Haluska	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Hanna	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhai	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harhart	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Helm	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hennessey	Oliver	True
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Cutler	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vereb
Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Houghton	Payton	Vulakovich
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Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Walko
DeLozier	Josephs	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Kula	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Lentz	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reese	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-9

Belfanti	Krieger	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Maher	Pallone	Smith, M.
Grell			

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

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The SPEAKER. The members will please take their seats. We are about to take up a condolence resolution. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

Mr. DALLY called up **HR 213, PN 1359**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing condolences upon the death of Police Officer Richard Matthews, a heroic son of Pennsylvania, who died in the line of duty in Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 18, 2009.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. DALLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I am urging you to support the passage of HR 213, which honors the life of Police Officer Richard Matthews, who served the Wilmington, North Carolina, police department with great distinction.

Officer Matthews's parents are Dennis and Margaret Matthews of Hanover Township in Northampton County, which is in my legislative district.

Richard wanted to be a policeman from the time he was a student at Liberty High School in Bethlehem. In 2006, after serving with the New York City Police Department for 2 years, Officer Matthews was hired by Wilmington, a city of 82,000 people between the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean. He was popular with his colleagues, and he received a commendation for carrying a 96-year-old woman to safety from a burning building.

On the morning of February 18, 2009, Officer Matthews died from injuries he sustained in a crash he was involved in when assisting fellow officers who were attempting to apprehend drug suspects. He was the first Wilmington police officer killed in the line of duty in more than 30 years. Officers from numerous law enforcement agencies attended a memorial service in Wilmington for Officer Matthews.

His neighbors from the Lehigh Valley were very saddened to learn of his tragic death but very proud that he was a native son of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, police departments in Pennsylvania have been struck by tragedy all too often in recent years, witnessed the loss of three police officers in Pittsburgh and one in Philadelphia just this year.

Tonight I ask you to join me in expressing our condolences to the family of Officer Matthews and in supporting this resolution honoring his life.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Members and guests will please rise as a sign of respect for the fallen police officer.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Officer Richard Matthews.)

The SPEAKER. Members and guests may please be seated. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longiotti	Reichley
Baker	Everett	Mahoney	Roae
Barbin	Fabrizio	Major	Rock
Barrar	Fairchild	Manderino	Roebuck
Bear	Farry	Mann	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Markosek	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Marshall	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Marsico	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Matzie	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	McGeehan	Santarsiero

Bradford	Galloway	McI. Smith	Santoni
Brennan	Geist	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	George	Mensch	Scavello
Brooks	Gerber	Metcalfe	Schroder
Brown	Gergely	Metzgar	Seip
Burns	Gibbons	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Gillespie	Millard	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Godshall	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Goodman	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Grove	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Grucela	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Haluska	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Hanna	Murt	Stevenson
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Costa, P.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
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Daley	Hornaman	Payne	Vitali
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Delozier	Josephs	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Kula	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Lentz	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reese	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—9

Belfanti	Krieger	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Maher	Pallone	Smith, M.
Grell			

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

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee will meet immediately upon the break in the majority caucus room.

The Democrats will caucus following that Appropriations meeting immediately after the Appropriations meeting, and we are going to return to the floor here at 3 p.m.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair County, Representative Stern.

Mr. STERN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Republicans will caucus immediately, and we plan on returning to the floor at 3 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House State Government Committee will meet immediately at this break in room 60, East Wing. It will be noncontroversial, I promise.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

The State Government Committee will meet immediately in room 60, East Wing.

Any further announcements?

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House does now stand in recess until 3 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 588, PN 645 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1992 (P.L.732, No.111), known as the Pennsylvania Quality Improvement Act, further providing for legislative findings and intent, for establishment of the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence Awards, for the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence Advisory Council; repealing provisions relating to board of examiners and panel of judges; and further providing for establishment of the foundation, for awards and for restriction on funds from Commonwealth.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 621, PN 680 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*) as the official reptile for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1287, PN 1684 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 5, 1941 (P.L.84, No.45), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the appointment, promotion and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid members of the police force in boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class maintaining a police force of not less than three members; creating a civil service commission in each borough, incorporated town and township of the first class; defining the duties of such civil service commission; imposing certain duties and expense on boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class; imposing penalties, and repealing inconsistent laws," further providing for removals, suspensions or reductions in rank of police officers; and providing for certain incompatible offices.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1288, PN 1685 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for removals from the police or fire force; and providing for certain incompatible offices.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1289, PN 1686 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for removals, suspensions or reductions in rank of police officers; and providing for certain incompatible offices.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Members will please report to the floor. The Chair is about to take up the calendar.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SAYLOR called up **HR 280, PN 1694**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 9, 2009, as "Stamp Out Hunger Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of Representative Krieger from Westmoreland. His name will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 280 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Maher	Pallone	Smith, M.

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

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 282, PN 1709**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 5, 2009, as "World Asthma Day 2009" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Perry
Boyle	Maher	Pallone	Smith, M.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from Westmoreland, Representative Pallone, on the House floor. His name will be added to the master roll.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. KESSLER called up HR 283, PN 1710, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2009 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Representative Kessler.

Mr. KESSLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For more than a century, the bicycle has played a significant and historical role in American life. During the month of May, the League of American Bicyclists and bicycle enthusiasts throughout America are promoting a clean environment and greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

My mother was born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania. My grandfather worked all his life on the railroad at the Horseshoe Curve. My grandfather never owned a car. He never had a driver's license. He rode his bike to the grocery store, to the hardware store, and to the drugstore. He also took the train wherever he went. I remember when I was a little boy, he would pick me up at the Paoli Train Station, and we would ride the train for 2 to 3 days throughout the State of Pennsylvania.

What we need to do here in this body is to make every effort to revitalize our towns and cities in order to attract the younger generation to live in our towns and cities and to promote this kind of transportation, whether it be walking, bike, or via train.

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-195

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Baker, Barbin, Barrar, Bear, Benninghoff, Beyer, Bishop, Boback, Boyd, Bradford, Brennan, Everett, Fabrizio, Fairchild, Farry, Fleck, Frankel, Freeman, Gabig, Gabler, Galloway, George, Longiotti, Mahoney, Major, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, Marshall, Marsico, Matzie, McGeehan, McI. Smith, Melio, Reese, Reichley, Roae, Rock, Roebuck, Rohrer, Ross, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santarsiero, Santoni

Table with 4 columns of names: Briggs, Brooks, Brown, Burns, Buxton, Caltagirone, Carroll, Casorio, Causer, Christiana, Civera, Clymer, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, D., Costa, P., Cox, Creighton, Cruz, Curry, Cutler, Daley, Dally, Day, Deasy, Delozier, DeLuca, Denlinger, DePasquale, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Drucker, Eachus, Ellis, Evans, D., Evans, J., Gerber, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Grove, Grucela, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Harkins, Harper, Harris, Helm, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, Hornaman, Houghton, Hutchinson, Johnson, Josephs, Kauffman, Keller, M.K., Keller, W., Kessler, Killion, Kirkland, Kortz, Kotik, Krieger, Kula, Lentz, Levdansky, Mensch, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, Milne, Mirabito, Moul, Mundy, Murphy, Murt, Mustio, Myers, O'Brien, D., O'Brien, M., O'Neill, Oberlander, Oliver, Pallone, Parker, Pashinski, Payne, Payton, Peifer, Perzel, Petrarca, Petri, Phillips, Pickett, Preston, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, Rapp, Readshaw, Reed, Saylor, Scavello, Schroder, Seip, Shapiro, Siptroth, Smith, K., Smith, S., Solobay, Sonney, Staback, Stern, Stevenson, Sturla, Swanger, Tallman, Taylor, J., Taylor, R., Thomas, True, Turzai, Vereb, Vitali, Vulakovich, Wagner, Walko, Wansacz, Waters, Watson, Wheatley, White, Williams, Youngblood, Yudichak, McCall, Speaker

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NOT VOTING-0

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Table with 4 columns of names: Belfanti, Boyle, Grell, Maher, Miccarelli, Perry, Smith, M.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. M. O'BRIEN called up HR 35, PN 163, entitled:

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

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Baker, Barbin, Everett, Fabrizio, Fairchild, Longiotti, Mahoney, Major, Reese, Reichley, Roae

Barrar	Farry	Manderino	Rock
Bear	Fleck	Mann	Roebuck
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Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Sainato
Boyd	Galloway	McGeehan	Samuelson
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Carroll	Goodman	Milne	Smith, K.
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Causer	Grucela	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Sonney
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Staback
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Stevenson
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cruz	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	Wagner
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Walko
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Waters
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	Watson
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Wheatley
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	White
DiGiolamo	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
Donatucci	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Drucker	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak
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Ellis	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
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Evans, J.			

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Belfanti	Grell	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Boyle	Maher	Perry	

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

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Mr. J. EVANS called up **HR 91, PN 513**, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie County, Representative John Evans.

Mr. J. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To help encourage the learning of American Sign Language, I have sponsored this resolution to encourage higher education institutions to consider sign language coursework as foreign language credit. High schools in Pennsylvania consider American Sign Language courses to count toward foreign language credits, and it only makes sense to encourage colleges and universities that receive State funding to use the same consideration. Not only will this make it easier for students who are trained in sign language to complete their college educations, but I believe it will encourage others to learn the sophisticated technique and increase communication to the hearing-impaired community.

American Sign Language, the third most communicated language in the United States other than English, is defined in State law as the complete and autonomous human language with its own unique grammar frequently used in the form of communication by the hearing-impaired communities.

One of the most critical skills necessary to thrive in today's global marketplace is that of communications. Whether it is English, a foreign language, or American Sign Language, our students must have the wherewithal and skills to approach their careers through several avenues of communication.

There is a significant and growing need for interpreters and transliterators, and the legislatures of 40 States have formally recognized ASL as a foreign language.

Once passed, HR 91 will be sent to the presidents of higher education institutions that receive State funding, including the State System of Higher Education and State-related schools such as the University of Pittsburgh, Lincoln University, Temple University, and Penn State University.

I urge your positive vote for HR 91. 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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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the well of the House, the Chair welcomes Ryan Ososki from Lower Paxton Township, who is a guest page today. He is the guest of Representative Marsico. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 588, PN 645**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1992 (P.L.732, No.111), known as the Pennsylvania Quality Improvement Act, further providing for legislative findings and intent, for establishment of the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence Awards, for the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence Advisory Council;

repealing provisions relating to board of examiners and panel of judges; and further providing for establishment of the foundation, for awards and for restriction on funds from Commonwealth.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **MARKOSEK** offered the following amendment
No. **A00830**:

Amend Bill, page 6, line 3, by inserting brackets before and after "be selected by their own members and"

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. **MARKOSEK**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a technical amendment. It clears up some language where we found a discrepancy in the language, and this makes that correction, and I would urge the members to support the amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 621, PN 680**, entitled:

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*) as the official reptile for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair has in its possession a motion to adjourn by Representative Barbin from Cambria County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 3:18 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.